

University of Tennessee PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program



Reeves-Sain Family of Medical Services

Murfreesboro, Tennessee



About the site: Reeves-Sain Family of Medical Services in Middle Tennessee started as a small-town independently owned pharmacy (soda fountain included), more than 32 years ago. Those modest beginnings provided the foundation for an entity that has included 16 pharmacists and 200 total employees, encompassing a medical supply and long-term care business, home infusion, and specialty pharmacies. Our drug store offers a variety of services to the community including immunizations, travel health services, bioidentical hormone replacement therapy, hospice care, cholesterol screenings, pharmacogenomics testing, diabetes care, medication therapy management, and customized medications made on-site in our compounding lab. The family of medical services also includes a home infusion department, which provides a wide range of intravenous therapies to patients throughout the state, an extended care facility that provides medications to multiple long term care facilities, and a medical supply store. In addition, Reeves-Sain has a specialty pharmacy, Entrust Rx, located in Springhill, TN that specializes in areas such as Growth Hormone, Hepatitis C, Multiple Sclerosis, and oncology.

About the site coordinator/preceptors: Cindy Smith, PharmD, BCPS, is the Clinical Director at Reeves-Sain Drug Store where she oversees clinical programs including bio-identical hormone replacement therapy where she has served over 7000 patients since 2003, diabetes care, and cholesterol and blood pressure management. She also helps to coordinate the pharmacy's immunization program and travel vaccine clinic, which vaccinate approximately 6000 patients yearly. She currently serves as a preceptor for both the residency and student programs at Reeves-Sain Drug Store, as well as Clinical Coordinator of the University of Tennessee's Community Pharmacy Residency Program -- a role she has served in since 2004. In addition, she served as director of the program from 2001-2004. Additional site preceptors include: pharmacy manager Jason Greene, PharmD, who currently services as president of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and former resident Shannon Beckman, PharmD, who serves as the third member of the Reeves-Sain team of preceptors.

Clinical learning experiences: Clinical activities of the resident at Reeves-Sain include diabetes education, medication therapy management, pharmacogenomics testing, and maintaining adherence programs. The resident is also responsible for teaching and precepting area pharmacy students during their clinical rotations. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling their activities throughout the company, conducting discussions and presentations, and facilitating a successful learning environment for future pharmacists. Residents have the opportunity to work with Dr. Smith in the area of bio-identical hormone replacement, providing counseling and information about natural hormone and thyroid replacement, alternative nutrition and supplement recommendations. Opportunities are also available to lecture at the University of Tennessee and other surrounding colleges.

About the location: With a population of over 100,000, Murfreesboro is the fastest growing city in Tennessee and has recently grown at a pace that is over five times the national average. Located in the "heart of Tennessee," it is the population and geographic center of the state. Just 20 miles southeast of Nashville, the county combines the benefits of smaller-town living with the amenities of a major metropolitan area. Nashville, Tennessee is just a short drive from Murfreesboro and offers a variety of entertainment for everyone including professional sports teams, a lively music scene, and top-rated restaurants. The beautiful 500-acre campus of Middle Tennessee State University, the largest undergraduate university in the state, is located in Murfreesboro. There is a greenway that runs through Murfreesboro where many enjoy nature hikes, walking, running, or biking along 10 miles of riverside trails. Murfreesboro is also well known for shopping opportunities, including the Murfreesboro Avenue and Stones River Mall. The Historic Downtown Murfreesboro district also offers a wide variety of shopping and dining experiences that encircle the pre-Civil War Courthouse.



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What makes this site unique: Although Reeves-Sain has grown to one of the most innovative pharmacies in the state; the soda shoppe, gift shop, and in-store post office have helped to maintain our “hometown” drug store appeal to the Murfreesboro community. Our pharmacists and staff are pleased to receive acknowledgment in America’s Pharmacist magazine as national leaders in creating a professional culture where others want to work – and where the community we serve seeks the very best advice regarding its health, as it has for more than 32 years...and we are consistently voted for having the best milkshakes in Middle Tennessee!

About the current resident: Christina Hunley graduated this past May 2017 with a PharmD from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, GA. She is originally from Cincinnati, OH and previously attended The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH where she earned her B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Hunley’s past pharmacy work experiences include working as a pharmacy technician and intern at CVS and at independent pharmacies. She currently lives in Nashville, where in her spare time she enjoys exploring the city and all the amazing restaurants, traveling, reading, photography and spending time with her family.

About the resident’s research project: Dr. Hunley will be performing a needs assessment of the local readmission population for her research project. This assessment will help identify patient-specific needs post-discharge, as well as the implications these have on the design of transitions of care programs. By receiving input directly from patients, a more effective transitions of care program can be designed to improve the overall patient experience post-discharge.

About the resident’s innovative service project: Dr. Hunley’s service project will be to implement a program that involves pharmacist-led pharmacogenomics testing in a community pharmacy setting. Pharmacogenomics testing provides important information about a patient’s genetic likelihood to respond to a given medication, or their risk of experiencing an adverse drug response. The current literature suggests that community pharmacists are in a position to be optimal providers of pharmacogenomics testing and interpretation due to their capacity to bring together information on patient health, medications being taken or considered, and potential genetic interaction with those medications. At Reeves-Sain, we now have the incredible opportunity to tailor our patients’ medication therapies to their individual genetic code in order to prevent potential adverse effects of drugs, or to ensure their efficacy, with the goal of dramatically improving medication outcomes in our community.

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