

University of Tennessee PGY1 Community-based Pharmacy Residency Program



Nashville, TN

About the site: The Kroger Co. is a large supermarket chain with subsidiaries nationwide including City Market, Dillon's, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralph's, and Smith's Food and Drug. The Nashville Division of The Kroger Co. operates 93 pharmacies across Middle Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama. The division office is located in Nashville, TN and provides office space for the resident. In addition to this site, other Nashville Division Kroger Pharmacies provide a diverse practice experience for the UTHSC Community Pharmacy Resident. The Kroger Company is committed to the provision of exceptional patient care and the advancement of the profession of pharmacy. Immunizations, Medication Therapy Management, and Biometric Health Screenings using point of care testing are offered at every pharmacy. This program offers the resident the opportunity to develop an advanced clinical skill set in the community pharmacy practice setting.

About the site coordinator/preceptors:

- Dr. Leanne Rein is the Residency Site Coordinator for the Kroger Nashville Division. She received her Pharm.D. from Samford University. She completed her PGY1 through the UT Community Pharmacy Residency program with Kroger and is now the Pharmacy Manager at Nashville Kroger Pharmacy #093. Dr. Rein serves as the Patient Care preceptor for the residents in addition to her duties as the Residency Site Coordinator.
- Dr. Daniel Atchley and Lynn Marchetti serve as preceptors to the residency program. Dr. Daniel Atchley received his Pharm.D. from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY1 through the UT Community Pharmacy Residency program with Kroger and is now the Pharmacy Practice Coordinator for Area A of Kroger Nashville. Dr. Atchley serves as the Program Development and Organization Management preceptor for the residents. Lynn Marchetti received her RPh from Samford University. She is now Pharmacy Manager at Kroger Pharmacy #545 and serves as the Patient-Centered Dispensing and Pharmacy Management preceptor for the residents.

Clinical learning experiences:

- The resident will participate in many clinical activities through the year-long learning experiences in a variety of settings including Kroger Pharmacies, the Kroger Nashville Division Office, and related off-site events
 - Provision and expansion of non-dispensing clinical services include the following:
 - Biometric health screenings
 - Disease state coaching (diabetes; heart health; smoking cessation; fitness, nutrition, and weight management)
 - Immunizations
 - Medication Therapy Management (MTM)
 - Many other patient-care opportunities (e.g. health fairs), including in the local community
 - Regional patient-care events at surrounding area Kroger Pharmacies and other Kroger entities
- One day per week the resident will staff at a designated pharmacy
- Longitudinal learning experiences (e.g. research project, innovative service project)
- Formal presentation experiences (e.g. journal club, patient case presentations, research presentation at APhA)
- Precepting and training of pharmacy students one-on-one and in small group settings
- University of Tennessee Teaching and Learning Program (teaching certificate awarded)

About the location: Nashville is the capital of Tennessee and located on the Cumberland River in the north-central part of the state. The city offers a wide variety of entertainment including a vibrant music and theater scene with events like the CMA Music Festival, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Tennessee Titans football, Nashville Predators hockey, and Nashville Sounds minor league baseball. The city is also a center for healthcare, publishing, banking, and transportation industries and is home to a large number of colleges and universities.

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What makes this site unique: The PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program at Kroger Nashville involves working very closely with the division's Pharmacy Practice Coordinators. These Pharmacy Practice Coordinators are pharmacists who specialize in the delivery of clinical care services such as Biometric Health Screenings, Immunization Clinics, and Disease State Coaching, and maintaining compliance with all legal and federal requirements for the pharmacy. They also provide professional development and serve as instructors for a number of certification programs offered to Kroger Pharmacists. The resident has the opportunity to help precept and train students for whom the Pharmacy Practice Coordinators serve as primary preceptor. The resident presents his/her research at the APhA annual meeting and has the opportunity to meet and network with other residents from across the country. In addition, the Kroger Company provides networking opportunities by hosting quarterly conference calls with all Kroger residency sites. Finally, Kroger Nashville provides the resident the opportunity to explore a career in pharmacy operations.

About the current resident: Dr. Brad Cason was raised in Arlington, Georgia. He pursued his undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia before moving to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Belmont University School of Pharmacy. He enjoys hiking and fly fishing across the state of Tennessee.

About the resident's innovative service project: Kroger is one of the leading corporations in pioneering clinical services. Dr. Cason will be looking to correlate primary medication non-adherence to prescriptions refills in low-income areas among four chronic disease states (diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and COPD).

About the resident's research: The primary objective of Dr. Cason's research is to determine the correlation between a pharmacy-led, primary medication non-adherence intervention program on prescription refills in low-income populations among four chronic disease states. Secondary objectives include characterizing medication factors associated with primary medication non-adherence and determining if third-party payor categories impact whether a patient becomes primary medication non-adherent.

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