

Health-System Pharmacist Panel and Hospital Tour:



**An event to promote health-system pharmacy practice
University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy**

Objectives:

- To promote health-system pharmacy practice to pre-pharmacy, P1, and P2 students
- To inform students of the many types of careers health-system pharmacy has to offer
- To give students a better grasp of how a large health-system pharmacy functions

Target audience: Pre-pharmacy, P1, and P2 students

Location: University of Michigan Health System – University Hospital

Event:

Pharmacist Panel (Approximately 1 hr): We invited six health-system pharmacists to talk to the students. The pharmacists came from various areas of health-system pharmacy and each had a unique experience to share. Each panelist discussed his/her career, what it entails, what a typical day is like, why he/she chose this career, the pros/cons of the job, etc. After each panelist had spoken, the floor was opened for the students to ask questions. Our goal was to demonstrate to the students the great variety of careers health-system pharmacy has to offer. In this institution, these areas may include: clinical specialties, drug information, investigational drugs, management, ambulatory care, and informatics.

Hospital Tour (Approximately 1.5 hrs): After the conclusion of the pharmacist panel, the students were taken on tours of the hospital pharmacies. The pharmacies included were: central (distribution) pharmacy, IV clean room, investigational drugs, ambulatory care pharmacy, and two satellite pharmacies (the 24-hour pharmacy and the children's hospital pharmacy). In each area, the tour guide described how the pharmacy functions, what pharmacists in this area do, and any other interesting facts about the pharmacy.

Outcome:

Approximately 45 students attended the event. The majority of the attendees were pre-pharmacy students. The attendees showed great interest in health-system pharmacy, asking the pharmacists and tour guides many questions. The president of the undergraduate pre-pharmacy organization expressed interest in making this a yearly event.