Preceptor Spotlight: Jason Patel, PharmD

Pharmacist, Naval Medical Center- San Diego, Clinical Specialist – Pediatrics
Training: PharmD from Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University

SSPPS: How do you benefit from precepting pharmacy students?
Jason: The number one benefit of precepting is having the ability to give back to the pharmacy profession by training future pharmacists. It also renews my love of teaching and challenges my knowledge in keeping up with current pharmacy practice and guidelines.

SSPPS: What challenges do you see in precepting pharmacy students?
Jason: One of the challenges in precepting is balancing the dual role of clinical provider and clinical educator. You have to maintain the ability to foster a positive learning environment and with varying work hours, patient load and other clinical responsibilities it can sometimes be difficult.

SSPPS: How do you structure a rotation to promote successful student outcomes?
Jason: As a Hospital Pharmacy Practice preceptor I have the flexibility to structure my rotation based on the current experience of the student. Understanding that the Hospital Pharmacy Practice rotation builds the foundation for all hospital-based pharmacy services, the rotation is tailored to meet the goals and expectations of the student while maintaining student engagement in administrative and pharmacy services.

SSPPS: What advice would you give to a new preceptor of pharmacy students?
Jason: As a new preceptor you will be one of the most influential people to the students. You have to be passionate about teaching and the profession. It is also important to develop a teaching style that engages the students to learn. You want to give each student a positive and confidence-building experience.

SSPPS: What other aspects of your site/rotation would you like to share with the preceptor community?
Jason: Naval Medical Center- San Diego is the largest and most comprehensive military healthcare system in the Western United States. Our facility allows pharmacy students on rotation to gain invaluable experience and exposure to our diverse patient population. As a preceptor and pharmacist, I am proud to serve alongside those who serve and to provide care for our veterans, service members and their families.

Transitions and Achievements

- Dr. Harminder Sikand, President-Elect, ASHP Commission on Credentialing
- Dr. Anthony Morreale, 2016 Steven G. Avey Award recipient, AMCP’s highest honor in Managed Care Pharmacy
- Dr. Jan Hirsch, 2016 Division Head, Clinical Pharmacy, UCSD SSPPS
- Dr. Lina Delosreyes, Site Leader, Kaiser Permanente San Diego Mission Road

SSPPS Retirement Announcement: Dr. David Adler, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will be retiring June 30, 2016. Dean McKerrow has appointed Dr. Brookie Best to succeed David as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Rabia Atayee to succeed Brookie as Associate Dean for Admissions.
Upcoming Events & Opportunities

**Preceptors Conference:** "The Goldilocks Approach to Opioid Therapy - Not too Little, Not too Much, Just Right!" will be the theme of the Spring Preceptors Conference. The conference will be held at the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences on Saturday, June 11th from 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The conference will focus on the opioid abuse epidemic, Pharmacist’s responsibility, and opioid use in the setting of pain management. If you are interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Amber Berean aberean@ucsd.edu by May 20, 2016.

**2016-2017 IPPEs and APPEs**

Schedules for the upcoming Summer IPPEs and 2016-2017 APPEs have been sent to all preceptors and/or site coordinators. If you have questions regarding upcoming IPPE or APPE schedules, please contact Amber Berean (aberean@ucsd.edu) for IPPE and Lisa Avery (lavery@ucsd.edu) for APPE.

**Reminder of SSPPS Rotation Absence Policy**

- Students are to contact both their preceptor and the Office of Experiential Education (Lisa Avery lavery@ucsd.edu for APPEs and Amber Berean aberean@ucsd.edu for IPPEs) if they are unable to attend the rotation due to illness or emergency.
- Missed rotation time will need to be made up at the discretion of the preceptor.
- The preceptor’s approval needs to be secured in advance if a student needs to be absent on a scheduled rotation day.
- A plan should be developed by the preceptor and student for the completion of missed time from the rotation, if the preceptor deems necessary.

Conditions for excused absences: Students are encouraged to attend professional meetings and interviews required for residency application activities. It is the responsibility of the student to organize these dates in ways to minimize the impact on their educational experiences. Students are expected to work with their preceptors when planning/scheduling interview dates.

**The Pharmacist’s Letter as an IPPE and APPE Resource**

Through our partnership with the Pharmacist’s Letter, you – as an SSPPS preceptor - have access to the Preceptor Training & Resource Network. Here’s what your access to Preceptor Training & Resource Network includes:

- Preceptor CE (home-based courses and live webinars)
- Sample student syllabi, activities, assignments and schedules
- Targeted professionalism, patient safety and practice-based teaching resources
- PL Journal Club (APPE teaching tools)
- Pharmacy 101 (IPPE teaching tools)

Information regarding access instructions is emailed on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions or require assistance accessing the Preceptor Training & Resource Network, please contact Amber Berean aberean@ucsd.edu.
Do You Have a Volunteer Faculty Appointment with SSPPS?

**Benefits of a Voluntary Appointment**

- Physical and Proxy access to the UCSD library system
- Able to access recreational facilities and use the UCSD Bookstore (includes educational pricing on software and hardware)
- Utilize the UCSD shuttle bus service
- Eligible for reimbursement for poster presentations and/or meeting registration (see SSPPS website for details)

**Proxy Access to the UCSD Library System**

Once preceptors have an active voluntary appointment with the School, they are eligible for proxy access to the UCSD library system.

- For questions about the voluntary appointment process, please contact Shirley Walker-Dominguez at (858) 822-5503 or swalkerdomingo@ucsd.edu
- To initiate the process for proxy access to the library please contact Andrina Marshall at amarshall@ucsd.edu (please allow one week for processing)

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