UC Health Pharmacy Newsletter

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UC Pharmacy Shines!

The Vizient Pharmacy Vision Awards aim to recognize those advancing pharmacy practice standards with novel thinking and eyes on the future. According to Vizient, 'the awards highlight pioneering pharmacy practices for a new era of pharmacy.' Several University of California pharmacy teams were honored by Vizient this year, including:

<u>Excellence in Integrated Transformational Practice</u>: Desi Kotis, Noelle Chapman, Jessica Galens, Erin St. Angelo, UCSF Health

<u>John Kim Strategic Sourcing Award</u>: Danielle Kulischak, Ashley Dalton, Laura Lafranchise, UC San Diego Health

<u>Mark A. Johnson Analytics Award</u>: Josephine Lai, Sean Lavigne, Nishon Jones, Chan Truong, Jasmeet Kaur Garcha, UC Davis Health

<u>Professional Excellence</u>: Elham Amiri, UCSF Health

To learn more about the submissions and award winners, check out the <u>announcements on the UC Health's SharePoint.</u>

Introducing
Dr. Cedric Terrell
UC Health Chief
Pharmacy Officer

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Cedric Terrell who will join UC Health as the Chief Pharmcy Officer (CPO). Dr. Terrell will officially join the UC Health CPO on October 9, 2023. Dr. Terrell will be responsible for leading system wide initiatives that improve financial, operational and clinical outcomes for the UC Medical Center Pharmacy Departments and that support the strategic goals of UC Health. The UC Health CPO serves as the primary pharmacy contact between UC Health and internal and external constituents.

Cedric Terrell is an extraordinary executive bringing 20+ years of innovative thinking, agile solutioning, and advancing healthcare delivery with some of the largest healthcare delivery systems and fortune 500 companies in North America. As a healthcare executive he has partnered with executive peers in non-profit and for-profit environments to develop strategic roadmaps, strengthening and growing the core of business, as well as assessing new product strategies and avenues for growth.

As a well-respected thought leader in healthcare, Dr. Terrell has been asked to consult and/or speak on a plethora of topics including: innovation in healthcare delivery; patient care; healthcare operations - including forecasting and strategic planning; optimizing revenue and financial performance; controlling spend while maximizing value; improvement of quality outcomes, as well as other areas related to clinical and operational practice. In addition to his executive roles, Cedric has supported organizations with the mission to end hunger and provide access to care in the underserved communities by functioning as a board member for various organizations including The Greater Boston Food Bank and 340B Health Board of Directors- Member at Large. Recognized as one of Diversity MBAs Top 100 Under 50 Executives in Healthcare, Dr. Terrell has also served as executive sponsor for diversity equity and inclusion and an executive member of the Health Equity Council focused on developing practical solutions to address healthcare disparities in the community. Dr. Terrell is currently a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacist (ASHP) routinely participating in initiatives to strengthen and advance the profession of pharmacy.

Introducing Dr. David Rubin UC Health Executive Vice President

This summary is copied and addended from the September 22, 2023 announcement by University of California Health who announced that David Rubin, M.D., MSCE, will join the University as executive vice president for UC Health, the nation's largest public academic health system.

Dr. Rubin, a graduate of UCSF, comes to UC from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania. He brings experience as a national leader in developing health system and public program innovation to improve access and health outcomes for people across the United States.

The executive vice president of UC Health is pivotal for building collaborations across UC's health system that bring together the University's deep expertise to improve the health and well-being of all people in California. As part of the Office of the President, the UC Health executive vice president focuses on ensuring the health system is serving as a partner with the state to realize health improvement goals, helping increase fiscal resilience of UC's health campuses, advancing distinction and excellence, and increasing access to health services in regions that have been underserved. When Dr. Rubin starts in the role on October 23, he will report to Dr. Drake.

As Director of Population Health Innovation at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which serves more than 500,000 children and adolescents annually, Dr. Rubin developed programs to improve the value and quality of health care services patients receive. Within the PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Rubin led a team that conducts research in the areas of population health, implementation science and community-partnered research. He has been a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and an associate program director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rubin was also a member of the Pentagon's Military Family Readiness Council and a Presidential appointee to the White House Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities. Dr. Rubin has authored over 120 manuscripts, including notable works in Health Affairs, JAMA and Pediatrics, and edited chapters in prominent pediatric texts, focusing on quality of health coverage and access for children in low-income families and the delivery system interventions that can return value for public health programs. For more information, please visit UC Health News.

MedAction Plan Pro

The UC Pharmacy sites are currently working to get a system-wide contract in place for each of the UCs to plug into for MedActionPlan Pro. The product, currently used by UCSD and UCI, provides a cleaner, more patient friendly version of the patient medication list, along with additional tools to help with tapering medications, oral syringe dosing and the ability to translate the instructions into many different languages. It also has several action plans (i.e., DM) and calendaring tools (Anticoag, Onc) that can be given to patients as a visual reminder of their medication regimen. An app version is also available for home use. The program will provide our patients with care that meets them where they are and affords them with the tools to be better engaged in their care.

Example MedAction Plan Pro

Medi-Cal AAC Tool

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), also known as Medi-Cal, mandates that 340B covered entities must bill outpatient medications administered/dispensed to 340B-eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries based on their 340B actual acquisition cost (AAC) plus a dispensing fee. In 2020, DHCS initiated a self-audit process by sending letters to all 340B covered entities, directing them to review their billing of 340B AAC to Medi-Cal over the previous five years. If it was discovered that the billed AAC exceeded the actual purchase cost (for example, if Medi-Cal paid $5 for drug A, but the entity acquired it for $2), the covered entity was obligated to reimburse Medi-Cal for the difference, which in this case would be $3.

To prevent any non-compliance with this requirement moving forward, UC Health recently created a tool for auditing the 340B AAC for Medi-Cal claims in the retail setting. This tool, implemented as an automated Excel application, compares the AAC that was billed to Medi-Cal with the AAC obtained from wholesaler invoices. It then notifies the user of any instances where overcharges have occurred. Users can then correct their billing by using the accurate AAC, thereby ensuring compliance with the established requirements. This tool has been rolled out across all UC Medical Centers eligible for the 340B program and has proven to be highly effective in identifying overcharges to Medi-Cal so far. For any questions, please contact Amar Sharma, Director of 340B Strategy, amar.sharma@ucop.edu

UC Speakers at CSHP

California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar is being held in Long Beach October 12-15, 2023. Make sure you check out other UC Speakers if you're planning to attend. Please check out the the full schedule with date, time, and room information of each presentation.

Making Practical Sense of Dietary Supplements Used by Older Adults	Cathi Dennehy, PharmD, FCSHP	UCSF School of Pharmacy
What is a Practicing Pharmacist? Pharmacist Labor Projections, Definitions, and Future Needs	Jan Hirsch, BS Pharm, PhD	UCI SPPS
Fighting for Equity in Hypertension Disparities	Stephanie Hsia, PharmD, MEd, BCPS, BCPP	UCSF School of Pharmacy
Get Ready to Rock your CSTD: USP <800> and Investigational Medications	Jaclyn Jaskowiak, PharmD, BCPS, BCSCP	UC San Diego Health
Leveling Up: Maximizing Clozapine's Therapeutic Potential	Farah Khorassani, PharmD, BCPP	UCI SPPS
Mental Health First Aid in the PharmD Curriculum: Justifying the Need	Farah Khorassani, PharmD, BCPP	UCI SPPS
Mental Health First Aid in the PharmD Curriculum: Justifying the Need	Erin Knox, PharmD, BCPP	UCI SPPS
Publish and Flourish in Clinical Pharmacy Practice	Jennifer Le, PharmD, MAS, FIDSA, FCCP, FCSHP	UCSD SSPPS
Recent Advancement in Antimicrobial Stewardship for Infants and Children	Jennifer Le, PharmD, MAS, FIDSA, FCCP, FCSHP	UCSD SSPPS
Beyond Challenging Conversations: When Your Learner Fails to Launch	Christina Mnatzaganian, PharmD, BCACP, Aph	UCSD SSPPS
What is a Practicing Pharmacist? Pharmacist Labor Projections, Definitions, and Future Needs	Megan Nguyen, PharmD	UCI SPPS
The In's & Out's of Cannabis Drug Screening	Codi Peterson, PharmD, MS	UCI SPPS
Fighting Back Against Resistance	Kamryn Plechot, PharmD, BCIDP	UC Irvine Health
Master Formula Records One Hospital's Experience in Moving towards an Automated Approach	Allison Pollock, PharmD, BCPS, CPPS, FCSHP	UCSF Health
Drug Shortages & Impact on Patient Safety	Rosa Rodriguez-Monguio, PhD, MS	UCSF School of Pharmacy
An Update on Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists	Jaekyu Shin, PharmD, MS	UCSF School of Pharmacy
The In's & Out's of Cannabis Drug Screening	Jill Simonian, PharmD	UCSD SSPPS
An Update on Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists	Sara Strome, PharmD	UC San Diego Health
Leadership Primer and Are Pharmacy Leaders Healthcare Leaders?	Martin Torres, PharmD	UC Irvine Health
Making Practical Sense of Dietary Supplements Used by Older Adults	Candy Tsourounis, PharmD, FCSHP	UCSF School of Pharmacy
The Pharmacist's Role in the Management of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	Andrew Willeford, PharmD, PhD, BCCP	UCSD SSPPS
Fighting for Equity in Hypertension Disparities	Crystal Zhou, PharmD	UCSF School of Pharmacy

STANDING ITEMS

RESEARCH USING THE UC HEALTH DATA WAREHOUSE

Pagan Morris, MPH, Director of Research Initiatives at CDI2 presented an overview of UC Health data and resources at the July 12, 2023 PCT Leads/Co-Leads/Secretaries meeting. Ms. Morris described the clinical data within UCHDW and described the UC Health Real World Evidence (RWE) Collaborative, which serves as a platform for UC Health leaders to share knowledge and best practices, foster partnerships with external stakeholders, conduct research and analysis, and promote education and training programs that advance the use of real-world evidence in healthcare. She also discussed the UC Health Data Discovery Platform (UCDDP) which is a secure, cloud-based data science environment that supports systemwide research efforts. Click here to access Ms. Morris's presentation. Any questions on using the UCHDW for research can be directed to healthdata@ucop.edu.

PHARMACY COLLABORATIVE TEAM OVERVIEW

UC Health Chief Pharmacy Executives and Officers have met informally for many years to network and share administrative challenges and successes. However, clinical and operational pharmacy stewardship efforts were rarely highlighted among this group due to limited representation of non-executive pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other pharmacy staff. In 2012, two pharmacy teams, Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Ambulatory Care, began meeting regularly and sought to formalize the collaborative relationship at the pharmacist/clinical specialist level among the sites. Over the next 10 years, many more teams formed including Purchasing, Transitions of Care, Critical Care, Controlled Substances, 340B, Oncology, and more.

In 2022, UC Health sought to formalize the Pharmacy Collaborative Team (PCT) structure to facilitate implementation of best practices, medication use evaluations, protocols, and other tools to improve patient care, reduce overall medication costs, and optimize revenue. An overarching PCT charter was developed to clearly define a PCT mission statement, goals and objectives, and detail leader and member responsibilities. A central web-based platform, SharePoint, was created for PCT workflow and information sharing.

Importantly, PCT leadership is shared among individual leaders among the UC academic medical centers (AMCs), so that team meeting topics and projects emphasize the needs of the AMCs. UC Health Clinical Pharmacy liaisons assist PCT leadership with collaborative functions including setting agendas and running meetings and with obtaining data needed to support collaborative projects. They also provide quarterly updates to CPO/CPEs on PCT meeting 'happenings', attend UC Collab meeting, and train incoming collab leadership in software used for PCT performance.

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

If you would like to get more information about work described in this newsletter, or would like to become more involved, you can visit our SharePoint site where you can find information on all the PCT projects, etc. The site is open to all UC Pharmacy employees, and just requires a brief set up process to access. Once you have access to the site, there are a variety of resources for pharmacy members including AMC pharmacy org charts, contact information for all PCT members, a list of all PCT projects, and more. Importantly, all PCT subpages are open to all, so you can see the collaborative PCT work. Please contact Julianna Burton at julianna.burton@ucop.edu for further information.