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# SUPERSEDES Clinical Pharmacist (PK4509)

# TITLE Clinical Pharmacist CLASSIFICATION GRADE 11

**SPECIALTY GRADE 95**

### BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Serve as the in-charge pharmacist in the following service areas: Decentralized/Clinical Satellites; Drug Information Center; Medication Use Evaluation Program; Investigational Drug Service; or other areas, which require specialized knowledge and clinical pharmacy expertise.

### CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible for the operation of a Decentralized/Clinical Pharmacy Satellite that provides a full complement of drug therapy monitoring, drug dispensing and quality control services.

Serve as pharmacist responsible for complete review of patients’, medication therapy daily for appropriateness, which includes screening for drug-drug and drug-food interactions, drug-disease contraindications, and patient compliance; adverse drug reaction detection and reporting; pharmacokinetic evaluation of serum drug levels and patient-specific laboratory data; rounding with medical staff to recommend drug therapy modifications (i.e., changes in drug, dose, route or timing of administration); implementing Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee approved criteria for safe and cost-effective medication use across the continuum of care.

Coordinate the operations of the Drug Information Center, which includes responding to drug information questions form UIHC health care professionals and patients.

Administer the health system’s medication use evaluation program, which includes assuring appropriate medication use through daily monitoring of laboratory data in inpatients prescribed P & T Subcommittee-approved protocol medications; developing educational materials such as drug class reviews, pocket cards, and newsletters; collaborating with medical staff to design and conduct outcomes studies.

Coordinate and monitor the conduct of all intra-hospital and select inter-hospital investigational drug studies.

Assure adherence to all investigational drug studies dispensed for patient care.

Responsible for collaborating with the medical team to facilitate discharge prescription writing, insure outpatient discharge prescription orders are accurate and complete by reviewing them against inpatient orders; provide individualized patient education to enhance compliance and to help patients make the best use of their medications, exchange patient-specific information with community pharmacy practitioners in order to improve patient care and prevent adverse drug events as patients move form one setting of care to another.

Responsible for the formal experiential training and didactic teaching required to conduct the pharmacy residency program and Doctor of Pharmacy student externships and clerkships.

Responsible for educational in-services about drug therapy and pharmacy services to members of the medical, nursing and pharmacy staffs and to members of the public at large.

Ensure quality of the medication distribution system, including all drug products and informational materials issued by the Pharmacy

Ensure that all service transactions conducted by the pharmacy are fully authorized and properly documented as required by federal, state and hospital regulations.

Assist with the conduct of scientific and academic research.

Responsible for extended interval dosing of aminoglycoside antibiotics, including dosage calculation, order writing, initiation of laboratory order requests, laboratory data interpretation, and facilitation of dosage adjustments.

Communicate home health care treatment options to patients and coordinating/disseminating the treatment plan to home health care providers within and outside UIHC.

Maintain effective working relationships with faculty, staff, students and the public.

*In addition to the duties and responsibilities noted above, the position description must include statements from*[*UI Health Care Core Values (WECARE)*](https://uihc.org/mission-vision-and-core-values)*for Health Care positions or*[*Universal Competencies*](https://hr.uiowa.edu/careers/competencies/universal-competencies)*for all other positions.*

#### SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Supervision is received from a Pharmacy Supervisor or other designated official.

#### SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Functional and administrative supervision is exercised over support staff and students.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Pharm. D. (Doctor of Pharmacy) degree or Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and one year of

applicable experience is required.

Current licensure by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners is required.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required.

Health system pharmacy experience is desirable.

Satisfactory completion of an ASHP-accredited residency in hospital pharmacy practice is desirable.

Additional training or certification (i.e., specialized residency and/or board certification in an area of practice) is desirable.