

Patient Workup Workshops

University of Utah College of Pharmacy

What We Did

Objective

The purpose of our workshop series was to help students understand and practice patient workups to prepare for pharmacy practice experiences, residency, and pharmacy careers.

Plan

Our SSHP chapter hosted a series of workshops for all pharmacy students at the University of Utah to attend. We sent an email to the students about the workshops with a link to sign up. We asked a PGY2 internal medicine resident at the University of Utah Hospital to lead the workshops. We organized each workshop into three sections. The introduction was to explain how and why to workup patients and offer tips on the process. The second session was for students to break up into groups to collectively workup a patient. The last section allowed everyone in attendance to discuss the case together and ask questions.

Outcome

We held two successful and well attended workshops with participants in all years of pharmacy school at the University of Utah. Students were actively engaged in all sections of the workshops. While the resident led the introduction and discussion sections, fourth year students helped to guide the small groups with their patient workups. Working up patients is an essential function for clinical pharmacists. These patient workup workshops helped students prepare for their upcoming pharmacy practice experiences, residency, and careers by providing them with tools necessary to succeed in working up patients.

What You Can Do

- Set a day, time, and location for your event.
- Contact pharmacy residents, pharmacists, and faculty members to help guide discussions
- Advertise the event to pharmacy students at your school
- Create an online sign up to estimate attendance and gauge interest
- Prepare handouts for students with tips on patient workups
- Provide practice cases for workshops such as clinical skills competition practice cases.

Available ASHP Resources to Assist in Accomplishing Your Project:

- <http://www.ashp.org/menu/AboutUs/Awards/ClinicalSkillsCompetition>
- www.ashp.org/sshp/recognition

Questions? Contact University of Utah SSHP at utah.sshp@gmail.com

