Unique PharmD Career Options: A National Survey Examining Pharmaceutical Industry-Based Postgraduate Training Programs

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BACKGROUND

The number of general and special pharmacy practice residencies and fellowships has steadily increased since 1990, and current graduating pharmacy students appear to be interested in postgraduate training opportunities. This survey sought to determine if postgraduate training is being utilized in the Pharmaceutical Industry and what options exist for new PharmD graduates.

OBJECTIVES

• A 12-question, anonymous e-mail survey (collected Aug-Oct 2003) was sent to all current PharmD graduates (n=65) from 1.5 Schools of Pharmacy that had the most UF respondents to the e-mail survey

METHODS

• Methods included e-mail survey (collected Aug-Oct 2003).
• Sample: 65 current PharmD graduates (n=65) from 20 Schools of Pharmacy
• Retrospective analysis of the program and its long-term career impact for graduates, a high number of new training programs have been developed, and none have been surveyed.
• Results provide previously unpublished, important peer perspectives

RESULTS

• Familiarity with: 1) Post-doctoral Fellowships in the Industry and 2) Various Functions within Pharmaceutical Companies

DISCUSSION

• Results of this study indicate that some programs are adding postgraduate training options.
• Because only current, industry-based PharmD fellows or residents were surveyed, the total graduating PharmD population may be far less exposed to opportunities in the industry than reported by the surveys assessing the overall impact of postgraduate training programs.

CONCLUSION

• Current PharmD fellows and residents are highly satisfied with their current training program and its effects on their future employment with the pharmaceutical industry. The role of the pharmacist in the pharmaceutical industry remains relatively low, with some respondents indicating a need for further education in this area.

REFERENCES


DISCLOSURES

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The above is a sample text from the University of New York School of Pharmacy. This document provides essential insight into the landscape of PharmD training opportunities, particularly within the pharmaceutical industry. The survey findings highlight the growing number of postgraduate training programs, which are becoming increasingly valuable for new PharmD graduates as they navigate career options in the pharmaceutical sector.