



Ambulatory Care Practitioner Spotlight

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Michael Nagy, PharmD, BCACP is an Assistant Professor for the Clinical Sciences Department at the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy and practices as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. At the VA Medical Center Dr. Nagy collaborates within two primary care provider teams seeing patients both in person and via telehealth. He currently focuses on diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and tobacco cessation. He also precepts both IPPE and APPE students who help expand the pharmacist role by doing population management. Dr. Nagy first was introduced to ambulatory care pharmacy as a pharmacy student when pharmacy residents helped teach in the pharmacotherapy skills lab. He later became an intern within the Madison VA hospital and enjoyed direct patient care as a great way to apply his pharmaceutical knowledge. This inspired him to pursue a residency in ambulatory care. Dr. Nagy feels that ambulatory care allows him to build a relationship with the patient and work as a partner in care to accomplish the patients goals and ultimately improve the quality of the healthcare system. He particularly enjoys population management, which allows him to reach out to new patients and introduce the role of the pharmacist and the benefit of the pharmacist on the care team. Ideally, Dr. Nagy would like to see pharmacists embedded into every primary care clinic as a standard in which pharmacist would have the ability to prescribe, order labs, perform basic physical assessment and help to manage the overall patients health in the private sector and obtain reimbursement. Dr. Nagy states that provider status, while recognized in the VA system, would expand the abilities and responsibilities of the pharmacist, while minimizing the administrative burden to focus directly on direct patient care. Thanks for your great work Dr. Nagy and keep providing personalized patient care!



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