

NVSHP Spotlight May 2022

SPOTLIGHT: Infectious Diseases PGY2 Programs in Nevada

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There are currently **THREE** infectious diseases PGY2 programs in Nevada:

- **Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican**
 - **RPD:** Lisa Krautstrunk, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP
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 - **Unique rotations:** Infection Control and Microbiology, Outpatient STD/HIV Clinic
- **MountainView Hospital**
 - **RPD:** Jonathan Cho, PharmD, MBA, BCIDP, BCPS
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 - **Unique rotations:** Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Transplant Infectious Diseases
- **Renown Health**
 - **RPD:** Jessica Thompson, PharmD, BCIDP, BCPS
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 - **Unique rotations:** Outpatient Infusion Center, Emergency Medicine Culture Follow-up

I got the opportunity to speak with one of the RPDs, Dr. Krautstrunk:

Meet the RPD:

Dr. Krautstrunk received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and completed an accredited practice pharmacy residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She has practiced as a clinical specialist in critical care and infectious diseases and has served as a preceptor for both pharmacy students and residents. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and Infectious Diseases Pharmacist.



Q&A with Dr. Krautstrunk:

1. How should a candidate prepare to successfully obtain a PGY2 in ID?

- A. Look for opportunities that allow you to gain some experience in ID. While ID rotations aren't available to all, you can look for research opportunities with faculty members, volunteer time in immunization clinics, assist hospitals with antibiograms, etc. Remember to also select rotational experiences that make you well rounded. All your experiences as a student or first year resident shouldn't be limited to one specific area of interest.

2. What type of candidate are you looking for?

- A. While many candidates today look similar on paper, the ideal candidate has experience in leadership roles, has been introduced to research and hopefully participated in a project or DUE, and has a commitment to patients and the community through public outreach and activism.

3. What do you learn or get to partake in for your ID PGY2?

- A. Our PGY2 infectious diseases program allows the resident to gain experience with both inpatient and outpatient populations. In the hospital, residents will round with infectious diseases services, monitor patients and disease states with our infection prevention department, and spend time in our microbiology department as they develop our institution's antibiogram. Residents will also spend a significant amount of time in various clinics within our community including HIV/AIDS, TB, Sexual Health, and the Southern Nevada Health Department

4. What is something unique to your program?

- A. SRDH's program is unique by allowing the resident to gain experiences outside our institution which provides the resident with a well-rounded experience that prepares them for various opportunities upon graduation. Our affiliation with Roseman University College of Pharmacy also allows the resident to gain experience with academia and become involved with teaching.