

Title: Exposing chinese pharmacists to u.S. Pharmacy education and clinical pharmacy

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Abstract:

BackgroundThe education and practice of pharmacy in the United States and China has some similarities and many differences. This session will outline the design, implementation and outcomes of a collaboration between Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (College) and Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) to expose visiting Chinese pharmacists to U.S. pharmacy education and clinical pharmacy. The six-month experience includes one month at the College and five months at YNHH. MethodsProgram development and implementation resulted from an iterative curricular review and has benefited from qualitative information gathered during and upon program completion. ResultsBased exit interviews, pharmacist feedback, and sponsoring hospital directors feedback it was identified that the visiting pharmacists gained extensive perspective on U.S. pharmacy education and clinical practice from the experience. Minimal new clinical services were started upon return to China, which has led to a possible project component of the program. ConclusionThe program has been beneficial to both visiting pharmacists and hosting institutions/staffs. Further refinement of the program will continue to occur. Two cohorts have completed the program and a third is enrolled.