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Local pharmacist earns certification in geriatric pharmacy Knowledge base benefits clients caring for patients at the end of life

SACRAMENTO, CA (March 28, 2016) Jennifer Chen, Pharm. D., a clinical pharmacist with Outcome Resources, recently earned her certification in geriatric pharmacy from the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy. Outcome Resources is a Rocklin-based pharmacy benefit management service with programs specifically geared to the needs of hospice providers.

"We are very proud of Jennifer and her accomplishment," said Jack Sayler, president of Outcome Resources. "Her certification demonstrates her knowledge in geriatric pharmacy, which will benefit our hospice clients as they care for their patients."

Certified Geriatric Pharmacists (CGP) take an extra step to prove their in-depth knowledge of geriatric drug therapy. As the aging population grows, pharmacists must be alert to conditions that are common in the elderly, such as the presence of multiple diseases and multiple medications. Certified pharmacists focus on the total patient, taking into account the diagnoses, the appropriateness of drug therapies and conditions exhibited in this age group.

The CGP exam covers proper drug therapy in older adults and medication therapy management. The exam is administered four times a year. To be eligible to take the CGP exam, a pharmacist must be currently licensed and have a minimum of two-year's experience as a licensed pharmacist.

"Having certified geriatric pharmacists on staff is one way HPS supports its hospice clients," added Sayler. "Our clients appreciate access to clinical pharmacists with expertise on the medication needs of patients at the end of life."

Chen joined Outcome Resources in 2014. Prior to joining HPS, she served as a pharmacy manager with Walgreens. She earned her bachelor's degree in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California, Berkeley and her doctorate of Pharmacy from Purdue University.

ABOUT OUTCOME RESOURCES

Founded in 2000 and based in Rocklin, Calif., Outcome Resources provides pharmacy benefit management solutions, support and services specifically geared to hospice providers nationwide. By providing cost-control strategies, clinical expertise, client-focused customer, robust educational resources and targeted analysis, Outcome Resources gives hospices the tools to enhance patient care and improve the quality of care.