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This summer, I worked on several important projects during my work at the Food and Drug Administration. This included FDA's Substance Registration System,



which is a prerequisite for FDA's Structured Product Labeling initiative. I also worked on the complete Health Level Seven Routes of Administration document. This

document lists routes of administration, methods, anatomical sites, etc. for medications. The document currently recognizes all of these categories as Routes of Administration. It was my duty to separate this document into its proper components (routes, method, site, etc.) so that an HL7 committee will be able to



visually understand how the medical vocabulary had been inappropriately

precoordinated. This, in turn, will aid the committee to either



rename the document or separate the document into multiple (and properly named) documents. I also presented this edited document to the committee at one of the HL7 meetings in which I explained

my actions and reasoning when working with the Route of Administration document.

Another major duty I took on this summer was working for (and with) the Public Health Service Rapid Deployment Force team one. During

the course of the summer, I aided in the development of the new team by attending command staff meetings and keeping minutes. I also attended two weekend



deployment-training sessions, one for the command staff of all the tiered teams and one for the RDF-1 team.



One of the projects I worked on was putting together a listing of all of the current pharmacy-related bills in the US House and Senate. I was given this assignment because it is important that pharmacists working in the government know what legislation is pending, and may influence their jobs and duties in the future.

The document that I have put together during my research will be used as a reference for the USPHS Pharmacists Professional Advisory Committee, the USPHS Chief Pharmacist Officer, and the USPHS Surgeon General.

One of the most personally rewarding duties I had this summer was orienting myself to the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

Over the summer, I completed the Basic Officer Training Course (BOTC) and the Intermediate Officer Training Course (IOTC), which has allowed me to earn my first ribbon in the



Commissioned Corps. I also made efforts to complete as many of the requirements as I could to obtain “Basic Ready” in the Public Health Service, although it was not required during my tour as a JrCOSTEP. I have learned more than I could have hoped for over this past summer, and I know I will take my knowledge and

experiences with me proudly into the future.