



NAME: CDR DANIEL HASENFANG

JOB TITLE: CHIEF PHARMACIST

AGENCY: U.S. COAST GUARD (USCG)

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

- Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (1992), University of Wisconsin, Madison
- ASHP General Practice Residency (1993), Harper & Grace Hospitals, Detroit MI
- National Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Level I Anticoagulation (2001)
- Master of Science in Health Sciences with a specialization in Emergency and Disaster Management (in progress), Touro University International

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

CDR Daniel Hasenfang currently serves as the Chief Pharmacist at the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Training Center at Cape May, New Jersey. His unit's mission is to process enlisted recruits through an eight week 'boot camp' type program for the USCG. Recruit processing includes dental and medical reviews, ongoing medical care, and an extensive immunization program.

The department of pharmacy supports both inpatient and outpatient dental and medical services. Prescriptions are processed for all uniformed service beneficiaries from both military and civilian providers. CDR Hasenfang is the Secretary for the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, member of the Quality Assurance Focus Group and the Inpatient Advisory Committee. In addition, CDR Hasenfang maintains the pharmacy policy and procedures for collateral duty units in his Area of Responsibility (AOR) - such as several USCG Cutter Sickbays, multiple USCG Ashore Sickbays, and the USCG Air Station Atlantic City Clinic Pharmacy. CDR Hasenfang is also responsible for procuring all pharmaceutical supplies and Chemical/Biologic/Nuclear/Radiological (CBNR) antidotes for units in his AOR.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

CDR Hasenfang attributes his qualifying skills to his past assignments and residency training. The opportunities that the Public Health Service has offered CDR Hasenfang to serve in different agencies and various areas of the country, and to practice under a variety of public health agendas have all added significantly to his experience as a Commissioned Corps Officer.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

CDR Hasenfang remains in the USPHS because of the diverse job opportunities and benefits the Corps offers. He sees it as a tremendous opportunity to see the country, meet new people, and remain committed to public service.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

CDR Hasenfang started his career in 1993 with the Indian Health Service in Bethel, Alaska. As a Staff Pharmacist, CDR Hasenfang worked with other pharmacists in inpatient, outpatient, and mail-out services. During his 4 years of service in Bethel, he also was part of the trauma team, visited village health aides and clinics, and participated in health fairs locally and within the surrounding villages.

In 1997, CDR Hasenfang transferred to Juneau, Alaska as Deputy Chief Pharmacist. This clinic focused primarily on outpatient services - one of which was the anticoagulation service. CDR Hasenfang was able to achieve the IHS Level I National Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at that time.

In 2002, CDR Hasenfang transferred to the Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS) brand new site in San Diego, California. CDR Hasenfang developed policies and procedures, monitored patient medication compliance, chaired the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and participated on the Governing Board, Quality Assurance Committee, and DIHS Patient Safety Advisory Group. During this time, CDR Hasenfang was also a member of the USPHS Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee where he participated under the career development team and led a workgroup to develop the current USPHS pharmacist Curriculum Vitae (CV) guidelines. CDR Hasenfang transferred from the Division of Immigration Health Services in 2005 to his current position with the United States Coast Guard.

MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

CDR Hasenfang recalls his first tour of duty in Bethel, Alaska. It will always remain a special place of great camaraderie for him. In terms of pharmacy, they did it all: mail-out services, village trips, and trauma services. Bethel was truly a unique experience for CDR Hasenfang.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

CDR Hasenfang is a member of the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS, the American Pharmacists Association, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. CDR Hasenfang has always enjoyed working with students and mentors students and he is a pharmacy student preceptor for the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. In addition, he is proud of his contributions as a previous member of the USPHS Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee.

By CAPT Vernon Lew