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Dear Residency Candidate,

Here is a copy of our residency brochure and some information on the Las Vegas VA as well as the city and surrounding area.

Our hospital consists of the following:

IP Clinical: LV's unique 24/7 inpatient pharmacy service is located at Nellis Air Force Base's Michael O'Callahan Federal Hospital (a.k.a. The MOFH). The VA IP service participates in a joint sharing agreement with the Department of Defense and supports 44 VA beds, 52 Air Force beds and shared ICU beds. LV is one of few VAs also offering inpatient pharmacy services to pediatric, maternity and active duty military patients. IP Clinical pharmacists operate under a scope of practice depending on their expertise and may serve as student and residency preceptors.

OP Clinical: OP clinical pharmacists provide clinical and distributive services to 5 primary and specialty outpatient sites throughout the LV valley 0800-1630 Mon-Fri. Limited supplies and medications are stored on site for patients receiving same-day care. The VASNHS currently is expanding clinical pharmacy services: clinical pharmacists may be cross-trained to support anticoagulation and/or lipid clinics; other clinical pharmacist support Mental Health and Geriatric Care Lines; clinical pharmacy services are also being piloted in Pain and ID clinics. OP Clinical pharmacists work under a scope of practice depending on their expertise and may serve as student and residency preceptors.

Highlights of the Las Vegas Valley and surrounding area:

- ❖ 9 national parks within a 2-3 hour drive.
- ❖ Cross-country and downhill skiing within 45 minutes.
- ❖ World class hiking and climbing at Red Rock Canyon and Mount Charleston.
- ❖ LV is the number 1 tourist destination in the world with first class dining, entertainment, and shopping, and there are lots of "locals" off-season packages for some of the best shows in town!
- ❖ The largest, manmade inland freshwater lake in the country is ½ hour away (Lake Meade) for boating and water sports.
- ❖ The Pacific Ocean is 4 hours away (3.5 hours if you drive fast!).
- ❖ Real estate: Currently, it's a buyers' market with over 20,000 homes on the resale market in this three town valley of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson, NV.
- ❖ McCarran International Airport is one of the largest airports in the country: You can get anyway cheaply and quickly, if you plan well and early enough!
- ❖ Nellis AFB is the home of the USAF Thunderbirds.
- ❖ Enjoy great weather! BBQ in your backyard wearing shorts 8 months of the year
- ❖ The VA SNHS has hiking and bowling clubs and throws a great, annual holiday party in December.
- ❖ The VA SNHS recently broke ground on our new VA Medical Center to be completed late 2011.
- ❖ Nevada has no state employment tax.

Vive Las Vegas!

Hope this helps in your decision!

Sincerely,

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