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**VA'S PHARMACY RESIDENT PROGRAM ACCREDITATION EXTENDED
VA Recognized as Valuable Teaching Facility**

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The American Society of Health-System Administrators Commission on Credentialing extended accreditation to the post graduate year two (PGY2) residency in health-system pharmacy administration at the Lebanon VA Medical Center. This extension will last for two years.

The Commission arrived at its decision based on a thorough review of the VA's practice, records, outcomes, and teaching environment. Dr. Paul Carnes, Pharm. D., MS, Chief of Pharmacy stated, "We are focused on developing pharmacy leaders: practitioners who will exhibit excellence in leadership and management of all pharmacy practice settings. A pharmacy leader should possess the clinical skills needed to practice in a wide range of patient care settings and a solid knowledge base in management philosophies and practices. This PGY2 residency provides the environment necessary to achieve the knowledge and skills needed to perform well in future management assignments. The program fosters the development of an independent and versatile pharmacy leader."

The outpatient pharmacy at the Lebanon VA Medical Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and all federal holidays. Holidays are listed on the following web site: (http://www.opm.gov/Operating_Status_Schedules/fedhol/) The pharmacy processes over 3,000 prescriptions daily. VA offers a variety of ways to order prescription refills. These include on line, by phone or mail.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation. Every Veteran enrolled in VA healthcare meets the Affordable Care Act standards for possessing health care coverage.

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