About Boehringer Ingelheim

About Us

The pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim was founded in 1885 by Albert Boehringer (1861-1939) in Ingelheim, Germany. From its beginnings in 1885 when it employed just 28 people in Nieder-Ingelheim, the company has since become a global enterprise.

Boehringer Ingelheim was established in the United States in 1971, and now employs over 10,000 people in the U.S. Our U.S. headquarters are based in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and we have additional subsidiary businesses located throughout the United States, including facilities in St. Joseph, Missouri and Fremont, California.

Our Employees are Our Greatest Asset

At Boehringer Ingelheim, we recognize that our strength and competitive advantage are, in part, the result of our commitment to sustaining an organization that encourages diversity in all aspects of the business, whether that be in the diversity of the background of our employees, of thoughts and ideas, or in the diversity of our partners and suppliers.

The commitment, competence, and creative power of our people, sustained for well over a century, have made Boehringer Ingelheim a first-class, fast-growing pharmaceutical corporation. This is reflected in the energy and innovation of more than 47,000 employees.

We offer our employees demanding and challenging tasks, and the appropriate chances for development and career advancement at national and international levels.

Value through Innovation

As a privately-held, family-owned pharmaceutical company, Boehringer Ingelheim is focused on science that leads to more health for our patients and their families. We’re working to discover novel treatments for more than 22 chronic conditions and have successfully launched more than a dozen products in the past decade.

Our Areas of Research & Development:
- Respiratory Diseases
- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Central Nervous System (CNS) diseases
- Oncology
- Metabolic Diseases
- Immunology and Inflammation

A Culture of Responsibility and Commitment

At Boehringer Ingelheim, we recognize that we are part of a global community and our family of employees feels strongly about partnering with organizations to improve it.

The ethical principles that have guided Boehringer Ingelheim for more than 125 years have created a culture of corporate social responsibility and commitment.

Through the Boehringer Ingelheim Cares Foundation, we offer programs that strengthen our communities, including:
- Global Product Donation Program
- Patient Assistance Program
- Financial Contributions Program
- Employee Skills Based Volunteer Program
- Social Entrepreneurship Partnerships

Our mission is to help patients, serve our customers, and produce innovative research and scientific advancements to impact the millions of people who rely on us. Simply put, we are committed to doing the right thing—for our patients, our customers, our communities, our employees, and everyone we serve.

Select Awards

Best Places to Work for LGBT Equality (2014)
Top 50 Company, National Association of Female Executives (2011, 2015)
Science Magazine Top Employer (2005–2016)

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http://us.boehringer-ingelheim.com
and follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/boehringerus
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BoehringerUS
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LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/boehringer-ingelheim/
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is proud to offer a 12-month Medical Information Fellowship Program designed to provide pharmacists with broad exposure to the specialty area of scientific communications, with an emphasis on medical information. The program allows the Fellow to develop the competencies necessary to provide comprehensive medical information services within a pharmaceutical company. The Fellow will be based at Boehringer Ingelheim’s U.S. headquarters in Ridgefield, CT, where Therapeutic Managers provide medical information to healthcare professionals and patients in the areas of cardiology, central nervous system, diabetes, immunology, oncology, respiratory, and virology. Through a series of rotations outside of Medical Information, the Fellow will also gain an understanding of the broad range of opportunities available to a pharmacist in the pharmaceutical industry.

As part of the program, the Fellow will gain numerous development opportunities by:

- Providing complete, accurate, balanced and referenced responses to medical information inquiries from healthcare professionals and patients, both verbally and in writing
- Developing literature evaluation and medical writing skills
- Conducting product trainings and tailoring the content to the needs of diverse audiences (e.g. Call Center personnel, field-based representatives, etc.)
- Contributing to the development of managed care formulary dossiers
- Participating in the medical review of promotional and non-promotional materials as part of a multidisciplinary team (e.g. Grant Review Committee, Medical, Legal, Regulatory Review, etc.)
- Implementing innovative process improvements and quality control solutions with regard to database support and overall dissemination of scientific information and presenting the project at a national medical communications conference
- Leading and executing a longitudinal research project to improve medical information processes and presenting the outcomes at a national medical communications conference
- Understanding the strategy and development of the publication and peer-review process for major journal manuscripts and Congress posters and presentations
- Enhancing leadership and management skills by precepting Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience students
- Improving verbal communication skills for dissemination of comprehensible medical information to patients and healthcare professionals
- Gaining an understanding of corporate structure, regulatory considerations and the drug development process
- Networking with pharmacists across Boehringer Ingelheim to learn about various opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry and participating in skills-based volunteerism

Rotational Experiences

The Fellow will have an opportunity to participate in multiple rotations with other Boehringer Ingelheim departments. Potential electives include, but are not limited to:

- Regulatory Affairs (Advertising and Promotion)
- Field-Based Medicine
- Medical Education
- Publications
- Payer and Health-Systems Marketing
- Health Economics and Outcomes Research
- Market Research
- Trade Relations

Other rotations can be arranged based on availability and interest of the fellow.
Boehringer Ingelheim is a family owned global company. Medical Information is a unique environment with a focus on effectively engaging with our customers. As the Sponsor of the Fellowship program, I feel it is the professionals who serve as mentors in the program which make the program a success. Graduates from BIPI’s Medical Information Fellowship program have gone on to benefit from successful careers, including opportunities to pursue a career at BIPI.”

Boehringer Ingelheim serves to prepare pharmacy graduates for careers within the pharmaceutical industry. While the focus of the program is on activities within the Medical Information Department, Fellows have the opportunity to spend time in other areas such as Drug Regulatory Affairs, Health Economics/Outcomes Research and Trade Marketing and Sales. The Fellowship is a fantastic opportunity to gain a portfolio of valuable experience within the pharmaceutical industry. We pride ourselves on developing pharmacists for an exceptional career in pharmaceutical industry.

Executive Sponsor

Maureen Oakes, PharmD
Head of Global Medical Information, Medicine Operations

Dr. Oakes received both her BS and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from Rutgers University. Subsequently, Maureen completed a fellowship in Emergency Medicine/Critical Care at the University of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida and then went on to serve as the Associate Director of the Florida Poison Control Center in Jacksonville. At that time she was a member of the hospital’s Clinical Toxicology service and was an Assistant Professor at University of Florida.

Dr. Oakes joined Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (BIPI) as Manager in Medical Information in 1995. After taking on roles of increasing responsibility in Medical Information, she transitioned into a Product Manager role within Drug Regulatory Affairs where she was responsible for the Tradjenta® and Jentadueto® NDAs. Maureen returned to Medical Information where she held the title of Executive Director for almost three years. Dr. Oakes is currently serving as the Head of Global Medical Information and is responsible for setting the strategic direction and oversight of the operational components for Medical Information on a Global level. She is also responsible for providing guidance to the Operative Units, promoting collaboration and developing operational and communication processes regarding all aspects of Global Medical Information.

Primary Fellowship Program Preceptors

Meghan Colasanto, PharmD
Fellowship Program Director

Meghan received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physiology and Neurobiology and minor in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of Connecticut in 2002. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Connecticut in 2006. Prior to joining BIPI in 2013, Meghan specialized in clinical pharmacy at the Hospital of Saint Raphael and Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT. During her career as a clinical pharmacist, Meghan specialized in the Intensive Care units, and spent the latter portion of her time at the hospital working on the Internal Medicine floors, serving as primary preceptor for the ASHP pharmacy residency program. Currently, Meghan is an Associate Director in Medical Information Therapeutics, responsible for medical information activities across a variety of brands within the CNS and Women’s Health therapeutic areas. Meghan is currently serving as primary preceptor for the Medical Information Fellowship.

Asha Philip, PharmD

Asha received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University. Prior to joining BIPI, Asha worked as a senior medical writer at Ogilvy CommonHealth Worldwide, LLC (OCHWW). During her time at OCHWW, Asha gained a wealth of experience in the development of high quality medical education materials and publications in a number of therapeutic areas including respiratory, neurology, cardiology, facial aesthetics, and infectious diseases. As a Certified Medical Publication Professional, Asha was also heavily involved in strategic planning, research, editing, and fact checking documents in preparation for journal submissions. Asha is a Medical Information Manager at BIPI responsible for respiratory, oncology, and immunology products. She also co-precepts Medical Information rotations for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) students.

Manita Singh, PharmD

Manita received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She went on to pursue a 2 year post-doctoral fellowship in US Managed Markets and Marketing with the Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program and Sanofi in Bridgewater, NJ. Manita started her career with BIPI in 2008 as a Medical Science Liaison, where she provided field-based medical support in the CNS and Women’s Health therapeutic areas. Manita joined the Medical Information team in 2010 and has been responsible for medical information activities across a variety of brands within the CNS and Cardiovascular portfolios. Currently, she is a Medical Information Manager supporting Respiratory products. Manita also serves as a primary preceptor for the Medical Information Fellowship.

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Additional Preceptors

**Agnieszka Abeyta, PharmD**
Agnieszka (Agnes) received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. Prior to joining BIPI in 2006, Agnes gained a wide range of experience in the pharmaceutical industry at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Initially, she worked in the R&D Department and later joined Clinical Research Operations as a Senior Clinical Study Manager. At BIPI, Agnes served as a Local Clinical Monitor and assisted the Trial Clinical Monitor during initiation, conduct, and closeout stages of late phase respiratory trials. Agnes transitioned to Medical Information in December 2007 as a product manager and has been providing support for the respiratory product portfolio. Currently, Agnes is the Senior Associate Director for Respiratory and oversees medical information activities in this therapeutic area. Agnes served as a primary preceptor for the MI Fellowship Program from 2008-2013 and fulfilled a primary preceptor for the MI Fellowship in this therapeutic area. Agnes served as an Associate Director for Lung Therapeutic Area and oversees medical information activities in the Respiratory Practice area.

**Eric Polistena, PharmD**
Eric received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from St. John’s University and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University. Earlier in his career, Eric worked as a staff pharmacist at two hospitals in New York and one in Baltimore. He processed medication orders, compounded IVs, TPNs and chemotherapy, staffed a NICU satellite, and responded to drug information inquiries. After leaving the hospital setting, Eric worked two years for a company responding to medical information requests for Pfizer, then joined Purdue Pharma in Medical Services, prior to joining the Medical Information department at BIPI in October 2006. Eric currently provides medical information in the diabetes therapeutic area.

**Tara Ruszczyk, PharmD**
Tara received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Earlier in her career, Tara worked in retail as well as home infusion pharmacy settings with a focus on compounding intrathecal pain medications and preservative-free steroid injections. She has been responsible for the development of policies and procedures related to sterile compound preparation and EU<797> compliance from the blood-brain barrier in response to neuroinflammatory disease. Kirk came to BIPI as a National Institute of Health Ruth L. Kirchstein Fellow, where he began his career in Medical Affairs as a Field-based Medical Scientist, before moving into an internal position as the Medical-Marketing Liaison to the Cardiovascular team. Further opportunities have brought Kirk to Medical Information, where he continues to provide medical support to the cardiovascular therapeutic area in a variety of roles. Kirk is recognized as a Fellow of the American Heart Association and is a member of both the New York Academy of Sciences and the organization, Scientists Without Borders.

**Kirk A. Dzenko, PhD, FAHA**
Kirk received his Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan and his PhD in Neuropharmacology from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He completed his post-doctoral studies at the University of Connecticut Health Center investigating changes in vascular endothelia at the blood-brain barrier in response to neuroinflammatory disease. Kirk came to BIPI as a National Institute of Health Ruth L. Kirchstein Fellow, where he began his career in Medical Affairs as a Field-based Medical Scientist, before moving into an internal position as the Medical-Marketing Liaison to the Cardiovascular team. Further opportunities have brought Kirk to Medical Information, where he continues to provide medical support to the cardiovascular therapeutic area in a variety of roles. Kirk is recognized as a Fellow of the American Heart Association and is a member of both the New York Academy of Sciences and the organization, Scientists Without Borders.

**Neha Kapur, PharmD**
Neha earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2016. Prior to graduation, Neha gained valuable experience in the pharmaceutical industry by completing two summer internships at Takeda Pharmaceuticals in Regulatory Affairs, Advertising and Promotion and Medical Information and Review (MIR). As a MIR intern, Neha worked on several projects that improved medical information access to patients, health care providers and payers. This opportunity taught Neha the value of enhancing the customer experience.

Neha is an active member of Pharmacists across BI and the Industry Pharmacists Organization. Currently, Neha is leading a research project benchmarking and evaluating the utilization and optimization of Medical Information (MI) data and insights amongst MI departments across industry.
Program Alumni

“The Boehringer-Ingelheim Medical Information Fellowship was a memorable and invaluable experience that helped prepare me for a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry. During my fellowship, I was afforded several unique opportunities, including supporting the launch of a groundbreaking product and leading research related to a transformational project. The fellowship exposed me to several disciplines within the pharmaceutical industry and gave me hands-on experience working within cross-functional teams. The one-year program is specifically tailored to meet each fellow’s needs – my preceptors empowered me to mature my existing strengths while simultaneously facilitating the improvement of my weaknesses. The entire Medical Information team was engaged in my development and truly invested in my career growth. I strongly recommend this program to PharmD graduates seeking to gain the necessary foundation for a rewarding career in medical information and the pharmaceutical industry.

Joy Lee, PharmD
2015 – 2016
Joy Lee, PharmD
Medical Information Scientist
Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
South San Francisco, CA
Research Project: “Globalization of Medical Information at Boehringer Ingelheim: Challenges and Opportunities of the Envision Project.”

2014 – 2015
Michele Miller, PharmD
Medical Information Manager, US Oncology
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation,
East Hanover, NJ

2013 – 2014
Meghal Khokhani, PharmD
Medical Science Liaison, Immunology
AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, IL
Research Project: “Evaluating Compliance Elements Associated with Medical Information Websites”

2012 – 2013
Brian Calamari, PharmD
Medical Outcomes Science Liaison
AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, IL
Research Project: “Evaluating Technology Products to Disseminate Medical Information”

2011 – 2012
Madhavi Patel, PharmD, RPh
Medical Information and Communication Manager
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation,
East Hanover, NJ
Research Project: “Assessing the Satisfaction, Utility, and Efficiency of a Recently Launched Global Medical Information Repository”

2009 – 2010
Peter Zoob, PharmD, RPh
Senior Medical Science Liaison
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Chicago, IL
Research Project: “Surveying Patient Use of the Internet and Social Media as Medication Information Resources”

2008 – 2009
Ayeha Chaudhary (Ghas), PharmD
Associate Director, Medical Information
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Ridgefield, CT
Research Project: “Development of a System to Update and Maintain an Inactive Ingredients Database for Products within a Pharmaceutical Company”

2006 – 2007
Nada Abu-Shraie, PharmD
Consultant Clinical Pharmacist
Drug Information Drug Policy & Economics Center
Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs King Abdulaziz Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Research Project: “The Impact of Spiriva® Direct-To-Consumer Advertisements on Promoting Medical Safety Awareness”

Salary and Benefits

The fellow will receive a competitive stipend and benefits package.

Application Requirements:
Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy earned prior to the start date at Boehringer Ingelheim.

- Interview at the ASHP’s Midyear Clinical Meeting (strongly recommended). Submit an interview request via ASHP/PPS with your curriculum vitae (required) and letter of intent (highly suggested).
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States without restriction

Select candidates who interview at Midyear will be asked to complete an online application and submit the following by December 23, 2016:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Three letters of recommendation

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