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### **Chartwell Launches PGY1 Residency Program**

*Inaugural resident Kimberly Landsittel is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy.*

Pittsburgh, PA, August 10, 2020—Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP, one of the largest and most clinically advanced health-system based providers of home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition in the nation, is proud to join the UPMC postgraduate year-one (PGY1) pharmacy residency program. The program’s first pharmacy residency candidate, Kimberly Landsittel, joined Chartwell on July 7 for a full academic year culminating in June 2021. Landsittel is a recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy.

The UPMC pharmacy residency program includes more than 50 PGY1 and PGY2 residents and fellows active across the health system. Collaborating with faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, Chartwell adopted an accelerated posting and hiring process in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to fill this important role. While the pandemic sidelined some of the initial planning, it also highlighted the need for a pharmacy resident and presented a pool of qualified candidates.

“Many programs were forced to furlough staff in the early stages of the pandemic, including some recent graduates from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy who lost their residency positions,” said Chartwell COO David Benedict, PharmD, BCPS. “We are honored to join the ranks of UPMC’s exceptional pharmacy residency program and thrilled to host Kimberly Landsittel as our inaugural

resident for the year. Kimberly's academic and clinical record speaks for itself, and we look forward to exploring the ways she can contribute to the Chartwell team."

The Chartwell residency program is designed to cultivate residents into clinical pharmacy specialists prepared to care for patients in an ambulatory setting, such as specialty, home infusion, or clinic-based pharmacy, with a focus on population health. Following her orientation, Landsittel will undergo comprehensive training within the infusion, specialty, and administrative aspects of Chartwell's patient-care model. Her residency will also include rotations at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Oakland.

"The majority of the resident's year will be divided into segments focusing on a different area or specialty within the Chartwell pharmacy practices, such as nutrition support, infectious disease, etc.," said Johanna Bezjak, PharmD, BCNSP, Residency Program Director. "Within these blocks Kimberly will receive additional training on how to manage specific patient populations and associated therapies."

Chartwell has plans to apply for program accreditation this year, which will open the applicant pool to pharmacy graduates from across the nation beginning in 2021.

### **About Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP**

Chartwell is a limited partnership between UPMC, Butler Health System, Heritage Valley Health System, and Washington Health System with three branch locations in Altoona, Erie, and Pittsburgh. For more than 30 years, Chartwell has provided the latest in advanced therapies and medications to patients for the treatment of chronic, rare, and/or complex conditions. The pharmacy provides services, therapies, and medications for home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Florida, and South Carolina.

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