

Call for “Viet-Capacity” Program Ambassadors

Vietnamese American Community of Stroke Care: A Pharmacist driven Capacity Building Initiative

Why is it important? Significant disparities in stroke outcomes exist in the Vietnamese speaking community. The most cited barrier for Vietnamese speaking adults is limited English proficiency. Vietnamese has been identified as one of the most underserved languages in Philadelphia and other U.S. cities due to lack of access to Vietnamese speaking physicians. While only 1% of physicians speak Vietnamese, 6.5% of pharmacists speak Vietnamese.

Program Description: The Temple University School of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University has developed this program to equip and empower pharmacists to deliver community-based stroke education to Vietnamese speaking adults. A cohort of 30 Vietnamese speaking pharmacists are invited to participate in our one-year longitudinal educational program. Together we can build a framework that can be used to help create a safety net for thousands of Vietnamese speaking adults.

The one-year program will feature:

- Full day in-person training session at the Temple University School of Pharmacy scheduled for June 4, 2022
- Coaching through monthly meetings in small groups
- Community-building through facilitating communication, professional networking, relationships, and exchange of information through online platforms designed to equip and empower the cohort as a community of stroke care educators
- Implementation of community-based stroke patient education intervention
- The Program Curriculum includes didactic instruction, case vignettes, interactive monthly meetings, and a culminating demonstration project. Participants will be allotted a stipend to cover expenses associated with implementing the demonstration project.

Benefits to Ambassadors: Pharmacists completing the educational program will be awarded pharmacy continuing education (CE) credits. In addition, participants who successfully implement their community-based education program will also receive a \$1,000 stipend.

Investigational Review Board (IRB) Approved Research: The program is part of an IRB-approved research protocol. Participation in this educational program will require consent to participate in the research evaluation of the program. To evaluate the effectiveness of the program, quantitative and qualitative assessments will be collected and used as part of a formal research evaluation. Any data used as part of the research evaluation will be de-identified to maintain subject confidentiality.

Who is sponsoring this program? This program is being funded by a grant from Genentech, a member of the Roche Group. The program and Research Team is led by Dr. Van Hella, PharmD, Temple University School of Pharmacy. Collaborators include:

- Charles Ruchalski, PharmD, Temple University School of Pharmacy
- Tina Tran, PharmD, Temple University School of Pharmacy
- Grace Ma, PhD, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
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Ambassador Qualifications

- 1) Licensed pharmacist
- 2) Vietnamese speaking
- 3) Complete application with an upload of your resume and Letter of Intent

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2022, and space is limited. [Click to apply.](#)

We would appreciate your help with disseminating this information to those that may be interested in participating.