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Job Placement of PGY1 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residents in Ohio

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Introduction

Pharmacy is one of the fastest growing professions with increasing emphases placed on specialization. Specifically, ambulatory care pharmacy is expanding.

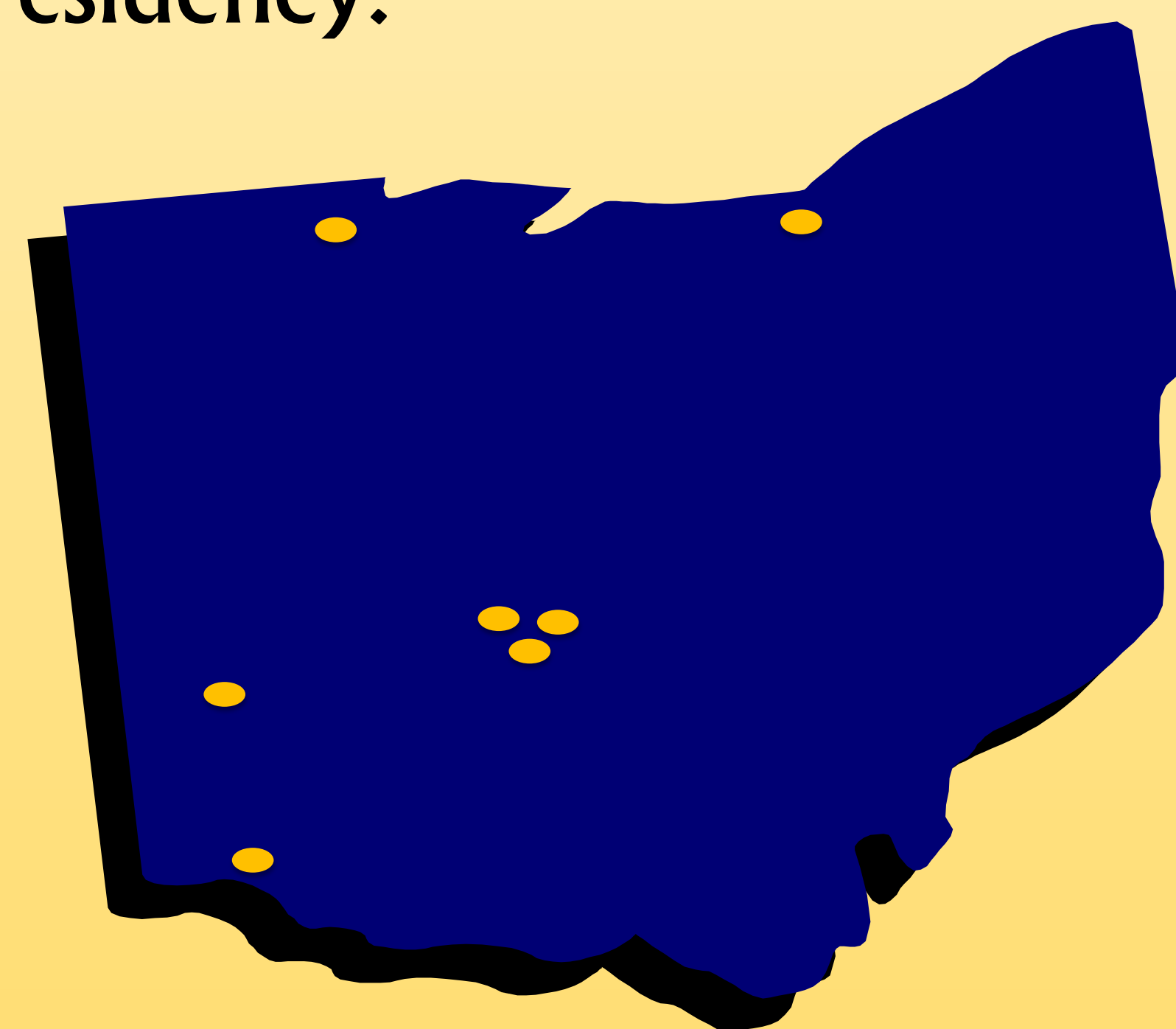
Role of Ambulatory Care Pharmacists

- Direct patient care
- Disease state management
- Medication therapy management
- Medical informatics
- Patient advocacy
- Collaboration with other health care professionals
- Integration of accessible health care services in the primary care setting

Completing a postgraduate residency is one way receive advanced in specialized areas of pharmacy practice, including ambulatory care. Residents hone leadership, communication, conflict resolution, and clinical skills over a one year time period.

Purpose

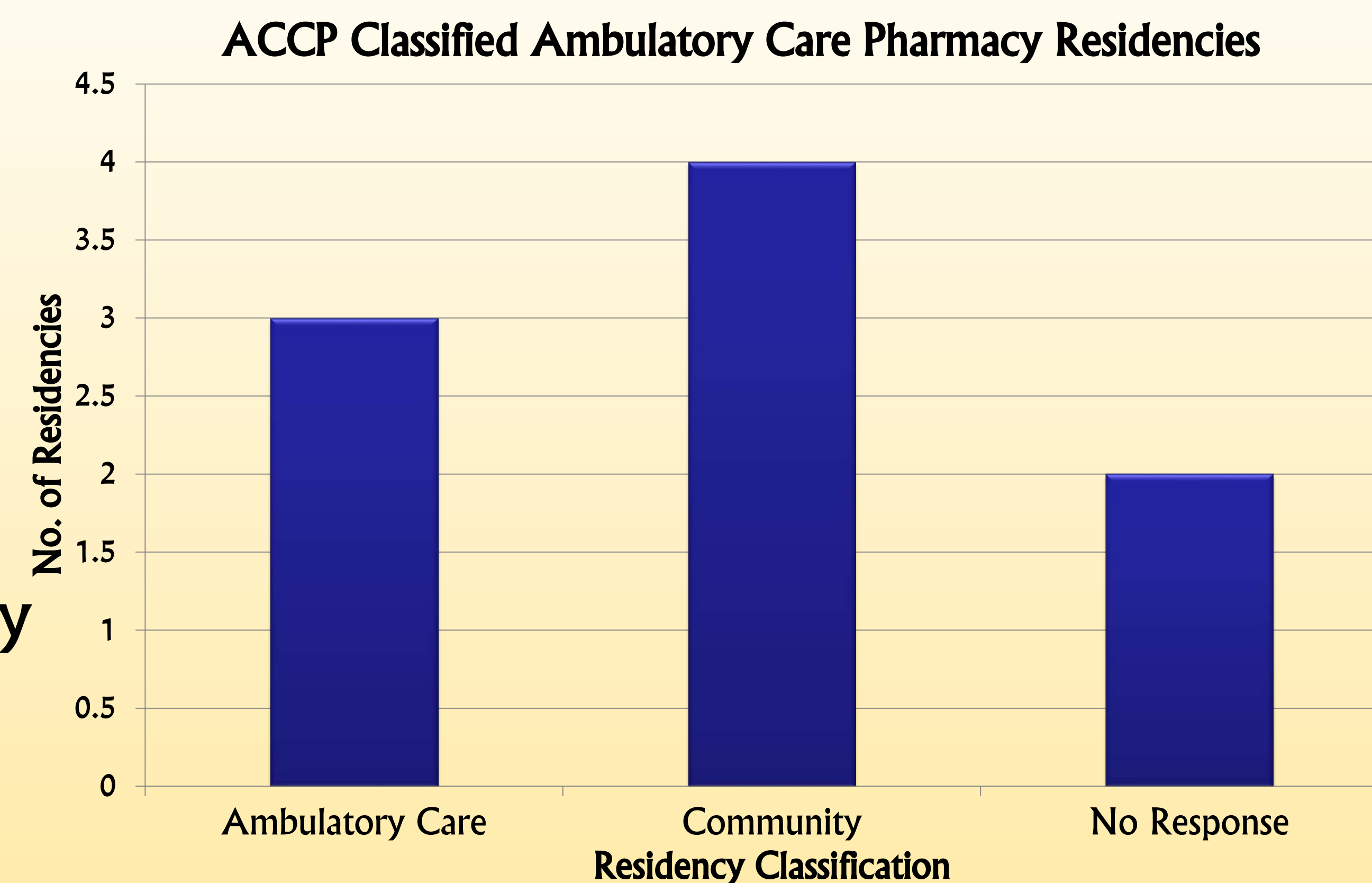
- Inform pharmacy students with interest in ambulatory care pharmacy residencies whether it will help secure a position in a job that requires a residency.
- Determine if it is possible to secure a job requiring a residency before the completion of an ambulatory care pharmacy residency.



Methods

- Nine PGY1 residencies in Ohio were selected using the ACCP 2011 Catalog.
- The residency directors were contacted by email and asked if their residents from 2009 to 2011 obtained a job requiring residency training prior to the completion of their residency.

Results



- Two residency directors stated that they represent a total of three residency positions per year from 2009 to 2011.
- Nine of nine residents obtained a job requiring residency training.
- Two directors did not respond.
- The data showed evidence that ambulatory care pharmacy residents in Ohio received confirmation of a pharmacy position before the completion of their residency.
- Four other residency directors responded but classified their programs as community pharmacy residencies rather than ambulatory care.

Conclusion

- All ambulatory care residents surveyed were able to obtain a job before the completion of their ambulatory care pharmacy residency.
- There is a limited number of ambulatory care pharmacy residencies in Ohio.
- There appears to be a conflict in definition of what is truly ambulatory care versus community residencies.
- Ambulatory care pharmacy is a growing field with a high demand that may require more residencies in the future in Ohio.

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