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Dr. Warren,

It is with great excitement that I submit my letter of intent to you for your Ambulatory Pharmacist position. I am Oliver W. Holmes, a fourth year Doctor of Pharmacy candidate from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Pharmacy.

Clinical rotations have brought me many revelations about the field of pharmacy; however, none have provided as many insights as my rotation at the Patient's First Pharmacy in Packerville, Wisconsin. During this rotation I was able to schedule and conduct medication therapy management (MTM) visits with patients that had complex regimens and multiple disease states. I was able to gather a pertinent medical history, identify drug-related problems, and make evidenced recommendations to primary care physicians in the area. The disease states of focus during this eight-week block were diabetes, heart failure, geriatric syndromes, asthma, and depression. Throughout my experience, I realized a sizable gap in the healthcare system exists for these patients in the way of tailoring the regimen to the patient's life. The success I found working with these patients made me realize how perfect my skill set and personality are suited to build their trust and make a positive impact in their health outcomes. This experience also helped me understand the role pharmacists will have helping physicians manage medications as our population's age and drug burden increases. I am blessed to have had this opportunity that enabled me to discover a passion and make a difference in my patients' lives.

The skill that will make me especially effective as your ambulatory care pharmacist is my ability to build rapport and a trusting relationship with my patients and their providers. In a situation where I will be assisting prescribers in the management of their patients' medications, I feel this relationship is almost as important as the quality of the recommendations being made. Additionally, I understand that in this role I will be expected to expand my patient base. My experience providing and billing MTM at the Patient's First Pharmacy and initiating a cholesterol screening dimension to Operation Heart (an APhA-ASP affiliate) at UW-Madison will give me confidence and the ability to bring success to the position. Moreover, it was these experiences that ignited my desire to work in the ambulatory or community setting.

This position represents an ideal environment for me to work to achieve my career goals and become a knowledgeable clinical pharmacist. I look forward to the opportunity to interview with both you and your staff to display the qualities that I believe make me an ideal candidate for this position. If you wish to contact me with any further questions, please feel free to contact me at owholmes@wisc.edu or by phone at (222) 677-4321. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Oliver W. Holmes