

# Ambulatory Care Practitioner Spotlight

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Rebecca Hanus, PharmD, BCACP. Dr. Hanus is an ambulatory care pharmacist embedded within the internal medicine and family medicine departments at SSM Health Dean Medical Group in Southwestern Wisconsin. Dr. Hanus' residency project involved creating and implementing a workflow to de-prescribe anticholinergic medications and through her work on this she was drawn to her ability to sustain meaningful relationships with her patients, leading her to accept her current position as an ambulatory care pharmacist. Dean Medical Group is part of an Integrated Delivery Network that consists of the clinics, hospital, and their own health plan. At Dean Medical Group the main roles of the pharmacist include disease state management (hypertension and diabetes), de-prescribing, reduction in health care costs for patients and the system, and Medicare Advantage Part D Star Ratings. Dr. Hanus works through several collaborative practice agreements allowing her to work at the top of her license. Dr. Hanus is a passionate ambulatory care pharmacist and this passion stems from the ability to have meaningful patient relationships which directly impact patient health outcomes. She enjoys being able to order medications and laboratory tests, speaking with providers face-to-face about a patient's care plan, meeting with patients for extended durations to educate about disease states, medication plans, and devices; all allowing her to use her robust clinical knowledge to help patients attain their overall health goals. Dr. Hanus tracks her interventions and success through the electronic health record, which is used to determine intervention acceptance rate and overall clinic metrics. Dr. Hanus believes that pharmacists have a keen ability to assist providers in chronic disease state management and, with the provider shortage, can be a great way to continue to practice at the top of her license. Great job leading our profession forward Dr. Hanus!



To learn more about Dr. Hanus and her current position, please email [info@pswi.org](mailto:info@pswi.org) and we will put you in touch with Dr. Hanus.