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I have worked as a statistical consultant to a pharmaceutical company for most of my post-baccalaureate career. I started as a summer intern after my second year of graduate school and continued as a summer contract employee almost every summer since then for the last 20+ years. In this presentation I will discuss my experiences as a recurring consultant. I will discuss projects that I have worked on, ways in which my academic experience has been utilized, and ways in which we as academic statisticians can better prepare our students (or ourselves) for consulting in the pharmaceutical industry. (Received September 27, 2006)