

JMCP History and Milestones

1995



July: The [first issue](#) of the *Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy* is published under Editor-in-Chief, Louise J. Sargent, MS, RPh, and Editor, Michael Posey RPh. The mission statement read, "JMCP, as the official journal of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, provides applied, professional, and scientific information to advance pharmacy's contribution to patient care in managed health care systems." The journal was conceptualized by the AMCP Communications Committee, chaired by Shawn Burke. The original cover design—which persisted for nearly 20 years—featured art that was selected to "represent the recognition by managed care pharmacy of its roots in the past, even as it moves juggernaut-style into the unknown realms of the future."

1998

The JMCP editorial advisory board approves standards for accepting sponsored supplements which typically concentrate on a single topic and provide educational opportunities to AMCP members.

1999

May: The manuscript rejection rate reaches 33% and is described a positive indicator of high-quality submissions. Editor-in-Chief Louise Sargent [wrote](#), "Now our biggest challenge is not the dearth of academic articles, but processing and publishing accepted articles as quickly as possible."

July: Craig Stern RPh, PharmD is [named](#) Editor-in-Chief.

September: The mission statement is [updated](#): "JMCP is dedicated to providing managed care pharmacists, associates, and students with the tools to excel in their daily practices by focusing on (1) Policy: providing a forum for in-depth discussion of issues of topical and long-term importance, (2) Practice: presenting information of interest and educational value to the membership, and (3) Research: publishing research that increases the quality of research standards used in managed care pharmacy practice and helps apply that research to improve the practice of managed care pharmacy."

2000

January: The first supplement is published. The topic was "[Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research: Evaluating the Studies](#)."

2002

April: Abstracts from AMCP's annual meeting are [published](#) in JMCP for the first time. Twenty-four abstracts were presented.



January: Fredric R. Curtis, PhD, RPh, CEBS, is [named](#) Editor-in-Chief. Curtis promptly implements a disclosure policy for financial relationships for all authors and reviewers.

April: The mission statement is [updated](#): "JMCP publishes peer-reviewed original research manuscripts, subject reviews, and other content intended to advance the use of the scientific method, including the interpretation of research findings in managed care pharmacy. JMCP is dedicated to improving the quality of care delivered to patients served by managed care pharmacy by providing its readers with the results of scientific investigation and evaluation of clinical, health, service, and cost outcomes of pharmacy services and pharmaceutical interventions, including formulary management. JMCP strives to engage and serve professionals in pharmacy, medicine, nursing, and related fields to optimize the value of pharmaceutical products and pharmacy services delivered to patients. JMCP employs extensive bias-management procedures to ensure the integrity and reliability of published work."

May: The [Editorial Policy](#) defines the following article categories: Original Research, Subject Reviews, Formulary Management, Contemporary Subjects, Editorials, Letters.

July: JMCP's [Award for Excellence](#) is established. The Award for Excellence honors the article published in each calendar year that represents the best scholarly work in managed care pharmacy.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Effects of a Tablet-Splitting Program in Patients Taking HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors: Analysis of Clinical Effects, Patient Satisfaction, Compliance and Cost Avoidance. Authors: Michael Gee, Noelle K. Hasson, Terri Jahn, and Russell Ryono.

2003



July: JMCP earns the distinction of being indexed by Medline, part of the National Library of Medicine PubMed system, by meeting extensive evaluation criteria related to quality of content, quality of editorial work, and production quality.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Do Decision-Analytic Models Identify Cost-Effective Treatments? A Retrospective Look at Helicobacter Pylori Eradication. Authors: Kathleen A. Fairman and Brenda Motherall.

2004

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Randomized Controlled Trial of a Dose Consolidation Program. Authors: Thomas Delate, Kathleen A. Fairman, Shell Carey, and Brenda Motherall.

2005

The number of issues published each year increases from 6 to 9 issues.

July: Three Assistant Editors join the editorial team: Brian K. Crownover, MD, FAAFP, Lt. Col., MC, USAF; Lida R. Etemad, PharmD, MS; and Joanne LaFleur, PharmD.

September: JMCP stops accepting paper submissions and implements a web-based manuscript submission process.

December: JMCP begins distributing electronic issues via an emailed table of contents with links to articles posted on a web page, in addition to printed copies by mail.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Product-Line Extensions and Pricing Strategies of Brand-Name Drugs Facing Patent Expiration. Authors: Son Hee Hong, Marvin D. Shepherd, David Scoones, and Thomas T.H. Wan.

2006

February: JMCP earns the distinction of being indexed by Web of Science by meeting extensive evaluation criteria related to editorial rigor and best practices.

July: Kathleen A. Fairman, MA joins as an Assistant Editor.

November: Diane P. Britton joins as an Assistant Editor.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Analysis of the Effectiveness and Cost Benefit of Leukotriene Modifiers in Adults with Asthma in the Ohio Medicaid Population. Authors: Pamela Heaton, Jeff J. Guo, Richard W. Hornung, Joseph A. Johnston, Raymon Jang, Charles J. Moomaw, and Robert Cluxton.

2007

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Comparison of Mail-Order with Community Pharmacy in Plan Sponsor Cost and Member Cost in Two Large Pharmacy Benefit Plans. Authors: Michael Johnsrud, Kenneth A. Lawson, and Marvin D. Shepherd.

2008

The first impact factor for JMCP is published at 1.5. The impact factor is an index of how frequently published articles are cited in other peer-reviewed literature. An impact factor of 1.5 means that articles in JMCP were cited an average of 1.5 times in a particular year.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Rosiglitazone and Pioglitazone Utilization from January 2007 through May 2009 Associated with Five Risk-Warning Events. Authors: Catherine I. Starner, Jeremy A. Schafer, and Patrick P. Gleason and Alan Heaton.

2009



JMCP's impact factor increases to 2.4.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Association of Prescription Abandonment with Cost Share for High-Cost Specialty Pharmacy. Authors: Patrick P. Gleason, Catherine I. Starner, Brent Gundeson, and Jeremy Schafer.

2010



AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Addition of Generic Medication Vouchers to a Pharmacist Academic Detailing Program: Effects on the Generic Dispensing Ratio in a Physician-Hospital Organization. Authors: Vinay Bhargava, Mark E. Greg, Mark C. Shields.

2011

www.JMCP.org is launched.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Discontinuation Rates and Health Care Costs in Adult Patients Starting Generic Versus Brand SSRI or SNRI Antidepressants in Commercial Health Plans. Authors: Anna Vlahiotis, Scott Devine, Jeff Eichholz, Adam Kautzner.

2012



June: Robert P. Navarro, PharmD is named Acting Editor-in-Chief.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Evaluation of a program to improve diabetes care through intensified care management activities and diabetes medication copayment reduction. Authors: Stephen J. Kogut, Brian J. Quilliam, Scott Johnson and Tara Higgins.

2013



March: John I. Mackowiak, PhD is named Editor-in-Chief.

May: Three Assistant Editors join the editorial team: Laura E. Happe, PharmD, MPH; Eleanor M. Perfetto, PhD, MS, and Karen L. Rascati, PhD.

March-February: The traditional cover art, which had been used since 1995, is replaced with photographs of former AMCP presidents in honor of AMCP's 25th anniversary.

October: Abstracts from AMCP's Nexus meeting are published in JMCP for the first time.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

The Effect of Hepatitis C Treatment Response on Medical Costs: A Longitudinal Analysis in an Integrated Care Setting. Authors: M. Michel Manos, Jeanne Darbinian, Jaime Rubin, G. Thomas Ray, Valentina Shvachko, Baris Denis, Futon Velez, Charles Qusenberry.

2014



The number of issues published each year increases from 9 to 12 issues.

March: The Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy is renamed as the Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy, to embrace the importance of specialty pharmaceuticals. The cover design is also updated to align with AMCP's brand.

April: Abstracts from the Annual meeting were moved from the journal pages to a supplement issue, because of the exponential growth in presented abstracts. There were 243 abstracts presented in 2014, compared to 24 in 2000.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Is There an Association Between the High-Risk Medication Star Ratings and Member Experience CMS Star Ratings Measure? Authors: Sara Carruth Erickson, R. Scott Leslie, Bimal V. Patel.

2015

July: Laura E. Happe, PharmD, MPH, is named Editor-in-Chief.

December: JMCP launches a journal club resource—a monthly series of questions to facilitate a critique of a specific article published in JMCP.

December: New article categories are announced: Research, Research Brief, Systematic Review, Best Practices, Viewpoints, Letters to the Editor, and AMCP Meeting Proceedings.

December: www.JMCP.org moved to a new website platform with enhanced search capabilities.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Improving the Efficiency and Quality of the Value Assessment Process for Companion Diagnostic Tests: The Companion test Assessment Tool (CAT). Authors: William J. Canestaro, MSc, Daryl E. Pritchard, PhD, Louis P. Garrison, PhD, Robert Dubois, MD, PhD, David L. Veenstra, PharmD, PhD.

2016

June: JMCP launches a new option for authors to select—Express Epublication Ahead of Print. This option expedites the timeline from acceptance to online publication to only 5 weeks.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Patterns of Adherence to Oral Atypical Antipsychotics Among Patients Diagnosed with Schizophrenia. Authors: Joanna P. MacEwan, PhD, Jason Shafrin, PhD, Ainslie Hatch, PhD, Darius N. Lakdawalla, PhD, Jean-Pierre Lindenmayer, MD.

2017

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Using Performance-Based Risk-Sharing Arrangements to Address Uncertainty in Indication-Based Pricing. Authors: Kai Yeung, PharmD, PhD; Meng Li, ScM; and Josh J. Carlson, PhD, MPH.

2018



December: Two Assistant Editors join the editorial team: Donald Klepser, PhD, MBA, and Melissa McCart, PharmD, MS.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Development of Quality Indicators to Assess Oral Anticoagulant Management in Community Pharmacies for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation. Authors: Mylène Chartrand, BPharm, Line Guénette, BPharm, PhD, Denis Brouillette, BPharm, DPH, Stéphane Côté, BPharm, DPC, Roger Huot, MD, FRCP, Jérôme Landry, BPharm, Josée Martineau, BPharm, MSc, BCPS, Sylvie Perreault, BPharm, PhD, Brian White-Guay, MD, CCMF, FRCP, David Williamson, BPharm, PhD, BCPS, Élisabeth Martin, MSc, Marie-Mireille Gagnon, MSc, Lyne Lalonde, BPharm, PhD.

2019

January: JMCP launches the Perspectives on Value series, which includes and ICER-authored summary of a recent evidence review with a companion commentary by a thought leader. Carrie McAdam-Marx, MS, PhD, RPh is appointed as Section Editor for this series in January 2020.

July: JMCP launches the Perspectives series featuring invited point and counterpoint articles on contemporary and debated issues facing managed care pharmacy. The first topic was value-based insurance design. Michael T. Rupp, BPharm, PhD, FAPhA, is appointed as Section Editor for this series in January 2020.

August: JMCP fields an engagement survey to readers, authors and other stakeholders. Results show that JMCP is used by 69% of plan respondents for job responsibilities. This survey informed the journal's increased focus on innovation, thought leadership and influence.

JMCP's impact factor exceeds 3.0 for the first time. This means that articles published in JMCP are cited in other peer-reviewed literature an average of 3 times in a particular year.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Actionable Real-world Evidence to Improve Health Outcomes and Reduce Medical Spending Among Risk-stratified Patients with Diabetes. Authors: Elizabeth M. Garry, PhD, MPH, Sebastian Schneeweiss, MD, ScD, Sara Eapen, PhD, Natalia Petruski-Ivleva, PhD, MS, Elizabeth Cheever, MS, William Murk, PhD, MPH, Aditya Rajan, MPH, Jeremy A. Rassen, ScD, David Gambino, MS, Hannah Jang, PharmD, Elizabeth Rubin, MPA, Saira Jan, MS, PharmD.

2020



JMCP celebrates its 25th anniversary. To commemorate this milestone, each month JMCP publishes a reprint of an original article from a previous year, dating as far back as 1995. The reprint is accompanied by a contemporary reflection that considers the historical significance of the topic, as well as the current and future state.

May: JMCP introduces a new mission statement. "To advance science, expertise, and evidence-based decision making to improve patient health through access to high-quality, cost-effective medications and other therapies."

July: The editorial advisory board forms a Racial Injustice Task Group to examine what actions can be taken by the journal to reduce discrimination and inequality among underrepresented minority groups.

September: JMCP and AMCP are awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy for the 25th anniversary article series chronicling the history on managed care pharmacy.

November: A refreshed and modern cover and interior design are unveiled with the November issue.

AMCP wishes to acknowledge the significant contributions of JMCP staff. In addition to Editor-in-Chief Laura Happe, current staff include Jennifer A. Booker, who becomes Managing Editor in January 2013 after serving in other administrative roles with the journal for nearly 10 years, and Margie Hunter and Carol Blumentritt, who joined as production manager/graphic designer, and copy-editor, respectively, in October 2003.