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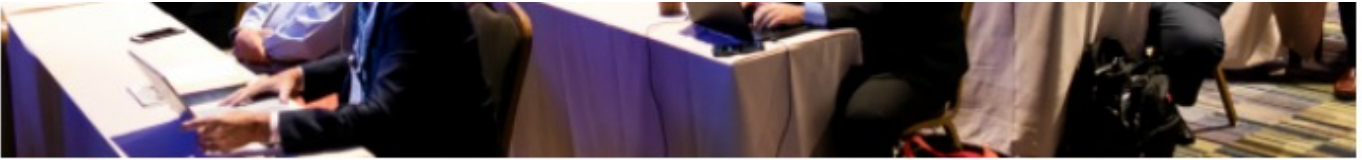


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**Nexus 2018 Is a Wrap; Nearly 2,500 Attendees
Gathered to Prepare for Next Generation of Care**





Nearly 2,500 managed care pharmacy professionals from across the country gathered in Orlando, Florida, Oct. 22-25 for AMCP Nexus 2018. The conference, with the theme of Preparing for the Next Generation of Care, featured more than 30 educational sessions and many ancillary programs covering the trends and emerging models affecting the practice of managed care pharmacy today and into the future.

The educational programming was divided into five tracks: (1) Preparing for the Next Generation of Care; (2) Drugs, Diseases and the Managed Care Impact; (3) Legislative and Regulatory Trends: From Rhetoric to Practice; (4) Managed Care Research in Action; and (5) Specialty Management: Keeping Up with Runaway Innovation. This year's General Session keynote speaker was Mick Ebeling, a health care technology entrepreneur and philanthropist. Ebeling is founder of

Not Impossible Labs, a company committed to creating technology for the sake of humanity.

Nexus 2018 also included 12 satellite symposia on diverse issues affecting health care; an Exchange hall featuring nearly 50 exhibitors presenting the latest ideas, tools and advancements, and more than 300 posters on the latest research; 9 Science & Innovation Theaters and Industry Workshops providing additional deep-dives into managed care pharmacy issues; and programs designed specifically for student pharmacists. In addition, Nexus 2018 featured the AMCP Foundation 8th Annual Research Symposium titled "Trends in Health Care: Disruptors and Opportunities."

New this year was AMCP Talks, an innovative education opportunity that mixes short, focused presentations with interactive panel discussions (*image right*). AMCP Talks focused on value-based care and potential solutions to the biggest challenges in implementing value-based care management tools and contracts.



“Our Nexus conference has become a must-attend event each fall for managed care pharmacy professionals from across the country,” said AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. “Nexus allows our attendees to gain important knowledge and share best practices on how to improve care for the nearly 300 million Americans covered by a managed pharmacy benefit.” Learn more at www.amcpmeetings.org.



AMCP Foundation’s 8th Annual Research Symposium Discusses Health Care Trends, Disruptors and Opportunities

Misaligned incentives that drive overutilization of certain treatments, a realization that everyone can’t have everything on demand, and the need to address social determinants to improve patient health were among the health care trends revealed at the AMCP Foundation's 8th Annual Research Symposium last month.

The Symposium, held Oct. 22 in Orlando, Florida, was a preconference event to AMCP Nexus 2018. The Symposium engaged national health care thought leaders on new findings from the Foundation's ongoing research into trends, challenges and opportunities facing stakeholders across the health care landscape.



At the event, the *Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy* and the Foundation presented a special award to the senior investigator with the most outstanding abstract related to the [Research Symposium](#) theme. That distinction went to Karl M. Kilgore, PhD, Director of Advanced Analytics at Avalere Health, an Inovalon Company, who focused on “Social Determinants of Health: Aggregate Proxy Data and Granularity.” Social determinants are identified by the Foundation as a global influencer impacting health care trends. Dr. Kilgore’s study about using aggregate data to proxy individual-level socioeconomic characteristics in research on medication adherence offers practical insight on risk adjustment, proxy selection and the ability to predict health status.

For more information, [click here](#). Click [Nexus abstracts](#) to view Kilgore's and all of the abstracts in JMCP. *NOTE:* If you couldn't make the Symposium, plan to attend the Foundation's Dec.

5th Research Symposium recap webinar, details will be posted soon at www.amcp.org/calendar. (Pictured top, Keynote speaker Reed V. Tuckson. Pictured above left, Symposium speakers. Pictured above right, [from left to right]: Foundation Executive Director Paula Eichenbrenner, Karl Kilgore, and JMCP Editor-in-Chief Laura Happe)



CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, presents remarks at AMCP Nexus 2018 General Session:

It is a great honor to welcome everyone to Orlando and AMCP Nexus 2018. This large gathering is a testament to the vitality of our profession and the strength of AMCP. It's also a reflection of this pivotal moment in our country's history. According to a recent poll by West Health Institute and the University of Chicago, 77 percent of Americans regard drug costs as "unreasonable." And 88 percent believe lowering medication costs should be a top priority for political candidates. Concerns over rising costs are backed up by CMS, which projects that spending on prescription drugs will grow 6.3% annually, from \$338 billion last year to \$605 billion in 2026. This situation is being addressed on many fronts. [Read more](#)



AMCP President Mitzi Wasik addresses attendees of AMCP Nexus 2018 General Session:

Hello, and welcome to Nexus 2018! It's wonderful to be here in Florida with so many friends and colleagues. I'm Mitzi Wasik, president of the Academy. It's hard to believe that six months have passed since many of us gathered in Boston for our Annual Meeting. Of course, our meetings offer top-notch educational programs and networking opportunities. But they also offer us a chance to reflect on the state of our profession, and our organization. Over the next few minutes, I'd like to share a few thoughts about managed care pharmacy... and about AMCP. So, managed care pharmacy! I know we've all been at barbecues, or other social events, and have tried to say in a nutshell what it is we do every day. It can go something like: "Well, I evaluate endless amounts of health care data to make informed decisions about the utilization of pharmaceuticals that will affect the lives of millions of people." That usually gets their attention...or maybe they move onto the potato salad. [Read more](#)

AMCP CEO Cantrell Addresses Nexus 2018 General Session

AMCP President Wasik Offers Remarks at Nexus 2018

AMCP Partnership Forum Builds Infrastructure and Methodologies to Utilize PROs

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A multimodal approach is needed to engage individuals in sharing patient reported outcomes (PROs) that can be used to advance objectives in value-based care and drug development, according to attendees of AMCP's Partnership Forum last month on "Building the Foundation for Patient Reported Outcomes: Infrastructure and Methodologies." Many health care stakeholders see the potential of PROs — such as self-reported changes in a disease state — to improve patient care and further the adoption of value-based care models. In addition, the FDA is expected soon to issue new draft guidance on incorporating PROs into the drug development and approval process. However, incorporating PROs within drug development and delivery of care has been difficult, in part due to the fragmented nature of the U.S. health care system.

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Election closes December 5, 2018
at 5:00 pm ET.

Vote for 2019-20 AMCP President-Elect, Treasurer and Directors: Election Closes Dec. 5

Make your voice heard and vote! AMCP is holding elections for President-elect, Treasurer and two Directors on the Board of Director. Eligible voters should have received a ballot via email.

Online election closes at 5pm, Dec. 5.

Candidates for President-elect are **Paul Jeffrey** and **Marissa Schlaifer**. Candidates for Treasurer are **Christina Barrington** and **Gene Reeder**. The candidates for two Director positions are **Jim Hopsicker**, **Vinson Lee**, **Ken Schaecher** and **Penny Surratt**.

Voting credentials were emailed to the email address in AMCP's membership file on Oct. 31 to individual AMCP members who are pharmacists, physician and nurses in good standing as of Sept. 18. Online voting is the preferred method. If you prefer to receive a paper ballot at your preferred mailing address, please contact ESC directly at AMCPHelp@ElectionServicesCorp.com or 866/720-HELP (4357). Paper ballots will only be sent by request.

Members can learn more about the candidates through their biographic and platform statements and answers to this year's ballot question by reviewing the Election Brochure at www.amcp.org/election.



Deadline to Apply for Seats on AMCP Committees is Nov. 9th

To make the most of your AMCP membership, consider serving as an AMCP Committee member. AMCP's committees provide an opportunity to contribute your expertise to develop policy stands, tools, research, education and mentorship for managed care pharmacy and AMCP. The committees include:

- AMCP/AMCP Foundation Joint Research Committee
- Educational Affairs Committee
- Finance Committee
- Format Executive Committee
- JMCP Editorial Advisory Board
- Legislative and Regulatory Action Committee
- Membership Committee
- Organizational Affairs Committee
- Professional Practice Committee
- Public Policy Committee
- Schools of Pharmacy Relations Committee
- Student Pharmacists Committee

Go to www.amcp.org/committee to review AMCP's many committee purposes to decide the right one for you. Committee applications are **due Nov. 9**. Apply online today!



AMCP Members in the News



AMCP Past President Kim Caldwell was honored as this year's recipient of the [Life Leadership Award, presented by Pharmacy Times and Parata Systems](#). He received the award last month at the *Pharmacy Times* 2018 Next-Generation Pharmacists Awards ceremony in Boston. Caldwell was instrumental in designing and implementing the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit during his time at CMS. He recently retired from his role of Vice President with Humana Pharmacy Solutions. Caldwell also was honored this year by the AMCP Foundation as the 2018 recipient of the Steven G. Avey Award.



AMCP Foundation Sock Drive Continues

The AMCP Foundation Sock Drive at Nexus 2018 last month collected more than 300 pairs of socks for children, families and foster grandparents in the Orlando area. But the Foundation seeks to increase that number! AMCP Members can donate socks online through Amazon. Simply:

1. Go to our [Amazon wish list](#)
2. Add socks you would like to purchase to your cart
3. Check out like normal
4. Select Volunteers for Community Impact (Gift Registry Address) as your shipping option
5. That's it! The socks will be shipped directly to Volunteers for Community Impact

The Foundation's partner, [Volunteers for Community Impact](#), helps children in low-income schools and neighborhoods receive socks from their foster grandparents in Orlando and Orange County. (Image, top, Foundation Executive Director Paula Eichenbrenner and Volunteers for Community Impact Executive Director Hue Jacobs)



Thank You to AMCP Nexus 2018 Volunteers!

Kudos to the many dedicated professionals who shared their time and expertise at Nexus

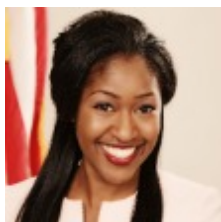
2018 by mentoring students and new practitioners or working at the AMCP Concierge booth. This is a generous sacrifice of attendees time, amidst other multitasking duties such as attending education sessions, meeting with clients and customers, and networking to maintain relationships with professionals from across the country.

On behalf of the AMCP Board of Directors, Committees, staff, the AMCP Foundation and its board and staff, as well as the general AMCP membership, we wish to publicly thank and recognize the individuals listed [at this link](#). To each of you, we extend our most sincere thanks.

Debra J. Minich, BSPHarm, RPh served as a conference buddy and mentor to **Stacy Ndubuizu** (pictured right). "This program is amazing and I have been blessed with wonderful mentees!" Minich said. [See full list of volunteers here](#).



Goings-on at 675 North Washington Street



Tricia Lee Wilkins, PharmD, MS, PhD, AMCP Director of Pharmacy Affairs, has been selected to serve on a technical expert panel (TEP) of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The panel's primary goal is to provide direction and input on ways that health IT-related policies and technology can be used to address substance use disorder and opioid use disorder. ONC says the success of the TEP depends on the participants providing a clear understanding of what is happening in practice to assist in drafting timely recommendations on the role of technology in combatting the opioid epidemic.



Afton Wagner, PharmD, recently joined AMCP as Director of Regulatory Affairs. She comes from the Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society, where she served as Senior Manager of Federal Government Affairs & Pharmacy Initiatives. Afton previously served as Manager of Federal Government Affairs and Health IT at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores as well as Director of Management & Student Affairs at the National Community Pharmacists Association. A recipient of the Virginia Pharmacists Association New Practitioner Award in 2014 and the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award in 2017, Afton earned her PharmD from Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy, and she is a registered Pharmacist in Virginia.



AMCP Foundation to Accept Applications for Internships This Month

Are you a student pharmacist interested in learning about different career paths? Consider applying for a summer internship. You can explore a career in health outcomes, pharmacoconomics, managed health care, pharmaceutical managed health care or non-profit management with AMCP Foundation, Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc. Together we are offering nine immersive learning opportunities next summer. Interns may spend time at Allergan, Genentech, Pfizer, AMCP/Foundation headquarters or other host sites over the course of their internship. All interns learn

about AMCP and the Foundation via “virtual” preceptors, appointed to extend the mentorship available to interns before and after the summer. Applications will open mid-November. Complete program information, application deadlines, access to the online application and requests for reference letters can be found at apply.amcpfoundation.org. For more information, visit here or email contact@amcpfoundation.org.



Apply Now for AMCP’s Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management

Student pharmacists looking at their P4 APPE Rotations should consider coming to AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year in AMCP's Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management. The five-week APPE rotation focuses on developing skills such as effective communication, education and advocacy. Deadline to apply is **Dec. 15**. For information, visit <http://amcp.org/amcpappe/>. (pictured: AMCP's first two APPE student pharmacists: (l-r) Venise Rita De Etoulem and Yana Vorontsova)



Registration is Open for AMCP Foundation’s 2019 P&T Competition

AMCP Student Chapters interested in competing in the 2019 P&T Competition must register their pharmacy school/college online with the AMCP eDossier System no later than **11:59pm EST on Monday, Nov. 12**. The study drug for the 2019 P&T Competition is TYMLOS® (abaloparatide) injection for subcutaneous use. TYMLOS is indicated for the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture defined as a history of osteoporotic fracture, multiple risk factors for fracture, or patients who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy. The AMCP Foundation is grateful to Radius Health, Inc., for use of its dossier for TYMLOS for this competition. Beginning Nov. 13, student pharmacists participating on P&T Competition teams will need to register online with the AMCP eDossier System—Academia portal to gain access to the dossier. For more information, visit www.amcp.org/2019_PT/. (image: 2018 P&T Competition winners, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy)



Student Chapter Highlight: University of Mississippi

Earlier this year, University of Mississippi graduate students Sushmitha Inguva and Siddhi Korgaonkar, along with 3rd year pharmacy students Anna Crider and Mariah Cole, placed 3rd in the first Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) Healthcare Quality Innovation Challenge. The challenge is designed to promote student engagement

in leveraging technology to create solutions that improve healthcare quality measures. Student teams were asked to develop a business summary on a technology-enabled solution based on one of three prompts -statin use in diabetic patients, addressing potentially unsafe opioid use, or patient engagement with Medicare prescription drug programs. Sushmitha, Siddhi, Anna and Mariah focused on the prompt that addressed potentially unsafe opioid use/prescribing. Their business summary detailed an application that had access to prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data, which would be displayed in a manner that is customizable to the physician's specialty. Information displayed by the app included organized tabs that reported patient's providers, a list of opioids received with their morphine milligram equivalents and a link to CDC guidelines for opioid prescribing. The app also has the ability to flag potential provider shopping, high morphine milligram equivalents and concurrent use of benzodiazepines. Their goal was to improve the accessibility and the feasibility of the PDMP to encourage providers to utilize its data. The team's proposal took 3 months to complete. Congratulations University of Mississippi! [Read more highlights.](#)



Honor Someone Extraordinary: Submit a Nomination for AMCP's Annual Awards

Do you know someone who has made a mark in managed care pharmacy or at AMCP? Please nominat that person for an award at next year's AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in San Diego, March 25-28! Nominations are now being accepted for the AMCP Awards Program. This is your opportunity to nominate your peers or yourself for outstanding contribution to the Academy. The following awards are accepting nominations:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Individual Contribution Award
- JMCP Award of Excellence
- Grassroots Advocacy Award
- Fellow (FAMCP) Program
- Spirit of Volunteerism Award
- Managed Care Residency Director/Preceptor Award
- Experiential Education Preceptor Award
- New Practitioner Award

The deadline to submit nominations is **Dec. 14.** [Click here to submit your nominations or to learn more about these awards.](#)



Nexus 2018 Attendees: Claim CPE Credits

The deadline to claim CPE credits from AMCP Nexus 2018 is **5pm ET on Monday, Nov. 26**. Pharmacists had the chance to earn 12.75 contact hours of CPE credit by attending one CPE session during each session block (not including satellite symposia held in conjunction with the conference). To obtain credit, pharmacists must have attended a session in its entirety, participated in session-specific learning assessments, obtained a session-specific attendance code, and completed a session evaluation. To record your CPE credits, log onto <http://amcplearn.org> and click on the AMCP Nexus 2018 tab. No exceptions can be made to the deadline.



AMCP eDossier System Users: Earn Decision Maker Rewards for What you Do Every Day!

As of Nov. 1, AMCP eDossier System users can accumulate 10 Decision Maker Rewards points for every click they make on any part of the system, including any tool, evidence review, survey or feedback mechanism. By accumulating points, you are eligible for monthly, quarterly and annual awards! Log into the System today! Not a registered user? Visit amcp.edossiers.com for details!

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