Research Facilitation
To advance the collective knowledge about how managed care pharmacy impacts patient outcomes

Disruptors and opportunities were discussed at the AMCP Foundation’s 8th Annual Research Symposium, where we unveiled new findings in our Trends in Health Care series. Pfizer, Inc. continues as a Foundation partner on this research. The preconference to AMCP Nexus was held October 22. Six overarching trends and two global influencers were examined: affordability and value; innovative and curative therapies; optimal health coverage; industry consolidation; population health management; expedited drug approval; social determinants of health; and technology. We discussed the potential for disruption of health care services and practices if these issues are not addressed.

The Symposium keynote on “The Changing Health Care Landscape – Realizing Comprehensive, Multidisciplinary, and Integrated Health” was delivered by Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, former EVP & Chief of Medical Affairs, UnitedHealthGroup. Additional presentations discussed innovations in health care from physician, patient, health plan and employer perspectives. Read the summary report and view the archived highlights webinar moderated by Dr. Laura Happe, JMCP Editor-in-Chief.

In conjunction with the Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy, the Foundation presented a Best Poster Award to the senior investigator with the most outstanding abstract related to the Research Symposium theme. The poster by Karl M. Kilgore, PhD, Director of Advanced Analytics at Avalere Health, an Inovalon Company, 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.

An important call for volunteers is open: we need Best Poster Competition Judges and Poster Mentors for Student and Non-Reviewed Posters at Annual Meeting. Twelve members and attendees volunteered as poster mentors at Nexus.

Three posters featuring research facilitated by AMCP Foundation have been accepted for presentation at the following meetings.

- “Refining a Research Agenda for Managed Care Pharmacy: A Survey Across Health Care Stakeholders,” Poster Number: U74, AMCP Annual Meeting, March 2019
- “Forces Driving Change in Healthcare: Payer Insights on Key Trends,” Poster Number: U22, AMCP Annual Meeting, March 2019
Immersive Education
Expand opportunities in immersive education in order to better equip managed care pharmacy practitioners to optimize patient outcomes

The newly launched, interactive and evidence-based **Lipid.Care** is designed to improve communication around LDL-lowering treatments and features the pharmacist patient care process. With CarePath for patients or caregivers and CareNavigator for clinicians, the tools at Lipid.Care can improve understanding of dyslipidemia management strategies and shared decision-making. Practitioners can attain CME/CE credit and save essential information to a downloadable toolbox for future use by pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and case managers. The dyslipidemia tools join the set of web tools about MS and the set of web tools about Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, IBD previously developed by AMCP Foundation in collaboration with PRIME Education and the Case Management Society of America.

The study drug for the 2019 Annual National **Student Pharmacist Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Competition** is TYMLOS® (abaloparatide) injection. 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. We thank Radius Health, Inc., for use of its dossier for Tymlos and we are also grateful to our partners Genentech, Amgen, Suprenus, and Dymaxium/AMCP eDossier.

In 2019, we began piloting the option for all accredited schools of pharmacy to participate in the Competition regardless of AMCP student chapter status. **67 schools registered** for the 2019 Competition, an increase of 12%. We also introduced a **new web portal for submission and review of entries** into the national Competition (pictured). This platform runs on the same software that is now used in the internships and Avey award, and will make dramatically improve efficiency for staff and judges.

The **AMCP Foundation 2019 Summer Interns** will number 10, matching the number of student pharmacists placed this past summer. **Applications close soon** for:

- AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care Summer Interns (6, including the Managed Care Research & Nonprofit Leadership at AMCP/Foundation HQ)
- AMCP Foundation/Allergan Specialized Health Outcomes Interns (2)
- AMCP Foundation/Genentech Evidence for Access Summer Interns (2).
An executive summary is available for the research conducted by Mandy Renfro, our AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care Research and Nonprofit Leadership Intern in summer 2018. Her capstone project was titled "25 Years of Managed Care Leadership Development: A descriptive analysis and summative evaluation of Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Foundation Intern Alumni." The easy-to-read summary outlines her findings around demographics, job placement, postgraduate training, leadership, and summative evaluation outcomes.

We continue to feature blogs from interns in our quarterly newsletter. Our latest issue featured the AMCP Foundation/Genentech E4A interns. These student pharmacists contributed to meaningful projects with industry experts within the Evidence for Access team in U.S. Medical Affairs at Genentech headquarters in South San Francisco, and at AMCP/Foundation headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Read the summer 2018 intern stories.

As the AMCP Foundation seeks to better equip managed care pharmacy practitioners to optimize patient outcomes, we are pleased to support a PGY1 residency in collaboration with Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield. The residency features a required rotation at AMCP/Foundation HQ with learning objectives in legislative, regulatory and pharmacy affairs; managed care research; education, training and event production; and, association management, non-profit leadership and professional society operations. We received 49 applications through ASHP PHORCAS and will place two residents for the 2019-20 year.

Philanthropy
Increase revenue by expanding supporter base and diversity

AMCP Directors are asked to join with Foundation Trustees, AMCP Committee Chairs and AMCP staff in Team 675. You can join Team 675 as a runner/walker ($40), yogi ($20) or sleep-in participant ($20). No matter how you participate, you are supporting the Foundation! Email Patrice Dickens at pdickens@amcp.org to enroll. Patrice will need your T-shirt size (or you can choose not to receive a shirt). Last year Team 675 broke the record for the team with the most participants!

The AMCP Foundation Means Well(ness)! We have a charitable mission (we mean well) and we promote health (we mean wellness). At AMCP Annual Meeting 2019, in addition to the 5K for the Future, we are hosting Sunrise Yoga (Tuesday) and our Health & Wellness Lounge (Wednesday). Check out the latest healthy on the road column from our 5K Race Director.

Join AMCP Foundation and our community partner, Ladle Fellowship, in the charity sock drive at AMCP Annual Meeting 2019. Ladle Fellowship will provide socks to Presbyterian Urban Ministries, Think Dignity, Showers of Blessings and Third Avenue Charitable Organization. Bring new socks in original packaging or shop online – the Amazon wish list will open soon!

We will host a Foundation Reception in honor of the 2019 Steven G. Avey Awardee preceding the AMCP Awards Dinner. Directors are invited to join the Host Committee, details forthcoming.
Thanks to the nearly 40 donors who participated in our “Giving Tuesday” social media blitz. The internationally recognized 24-hour focus on giving back set a campaign record and raised more than $5,000 for #AMCPFdn!

Reminder: With AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com and designate AMCP Foundation as your charity beneficiary. With iGive, visit www.iGive.com/AMCPFoundation, sign-up and start generating donations by shopping online.

The Foundation is actively contributing to two strategic initiatives in the Academy strategic plan.

- **Brand Building**
  - Compiled information for and participated in sprint reviews and other meetings related to rebranding and website rebuild projects.

- **Operational Excellence**
  - Revised AMCP/Foundation administrative services and affiliation agreement was executed. This model document replaces the obsolete 2012 agreement, reflects best practices, captures current processes, and includes a prescribed interval for revisiting.
  - Opened new P&T Competition submission and review portal.
  - Set schedule and defined responsibilities for implementation of database fundraising module.

**Foundation Board and Personnel Updates**

**Board:** The Foundation Board met in-person on October 23 during AMCP Nexus, and by teleconference on January 15. Trustee Mary Young was featured in the 4th Quarter 2018 Newsletter “Trustee Spotlight.”

**Personnel:** Foundation staff organized AMCP’s participation in the Alexandria Community Toy Drive through the AMCP People Squad. Foundation staff spoke at the AMCP Corporate Member Council Meeting (October) and AMCP podcast recording (December).

Staff also attended several meetings:
- AMCP Board of Directors Meeting (October)
- AMCP Partnership Forum: Building the Foundation for Patient-Reported Outcomes: Infrastructure and Methodologies (October)
- Pharmacy Quality Alliance Social Determinants of Health Forum (November)
- 68th Annual Roy A. Bowers Pharmaceutical Conference, Harnessing Innovation and Value in Population Health Management (November)
- Kaiser Mid-Atlantic Resident Tour (December)
- Northern Virginia Health Policy Forum (December)
- AMCP Foundation 5K site visit (January).

Staff conducted outreach to potential and current partner organizations including Dymaxium, National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, Pharmacy Quality Alliance, Premera and PRIME Education. Numerous Foundation business development meetings were held, including CVS Health, Health Analytics LLC, Merck, Merz North America, Neurelis, Seattle Genetics and Upsher-Smith.