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LOOKING AHEAD

All webinars are Eastern time. For information, visit www.amcp.org/calendar/.

- *KDIGO 2017 Clinical Practice Guideline Update for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, Prevention and Treatment of CKD-MBD* (July 12, 2pm)
- *Opportunities & Challenges in Rare Disease Management* (July 19, 2pm)
- *Immuno-Oncology Pipeline and Managed Care Considerations* (July 26, 2pm)
- *Comparing Payer and Hospital Decision Maker Pre-Approval Product Review Trends* (Aug. 2, 2pm)
- *Managed Care Approaches to Thwart Disease Progression in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension* (Aug. 8, 2pm)
- *Implications for Managed Care Pharmacy from the FDA Reauthorization Act* (Aug. 15, 2pm)
- *Managing Multiple Sclerosis to Improve Patient and Payer Outcomes* (Aug. 23, 2pm)
- *Managed Care Approaches to Thwart Disease Progression in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension* (Aug. 29, 2pm)



AMCP Partnership Forum Attendees Seek to Advance Value-Based Contracting



Diverse stakeholders representing managed care pharmacy, provider groups, integrated delivery systems and the biopharmaceutical industry gathered last month to develop strategies to enable the expansion of “value-based

contracting.” The AMCP Partnership Forum, Advancing Value-Based Contracting, held June 20-21, resulted in important consensus on addressing the operational, legal and regulatory changes needed to fully leverage this new payment system for health care. Read [more](#).



Leading on Challenges: AMCP Forum Develops Consensus on Value-Based Contracting

A decade ago, the idea of linking the cost of a therapy to its performance was considered revolutionary. Today, value-based care is considered a key solution to improving patient care while better managing costs. In fact, in this era of fierce debate over the future of our health care system, one area of agreement is that we develop models to pay for products and services based on how well they perform. Our forum on this topic comes at an opportune time. The White House reportedly is expected to issue an executive order on pharmaceutical pricing that will encourage the use of value-based contracts. And recent Congressional scrutiny on escalating drug costs underscores the urgency we face in increasing the value that pharmaceuticals deliver to patients. Read the full blog [here](#).



Breaking News! House Health Subcommittee to Hold July 12 Hearing on AMCP-Supported PIE Bill

In a major step forward for an AMCP-supported bill creating a safe harbor for pre-FDA-approval product communications, the U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing July 12 on H.R. 2026, the Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2017. The hearing at 10:15am ET will take place in Room 2322, Rayburn House Office Building, and be live streamed at <https://energycommerce.house.gov/>. AMCP encourages members to tune in to watch managed care pharmacy history being made!

AMCP led the multi-stakeholder effort to develop recommendations on allowing pre-approval information exchange. H.R. 2026, sponsored by Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY), is closely aligned with these recommendations and would allow manufacturers to proactively share certain clinical and economic information with decision makers on emerging therapies in advance of FDA approval. Enabling proactive dissemination of pre-approval information, with appropriate safeguards, would allow decision makers to more accurately forecast and prepare for costs of emerging products. This in turn would allow patients to access new therapies immediately upon FDA approval.

For more information, read the [press release](#), "AMCP Releases Consensus Recommendations Proposing the Creation of a Safe Harbor for Preapproval Information Exchange." Or read the [recommendations](#) developed at the AMCP Partnership Forum on "Enabling the Exchange of Clinical and Economic Information Pre-FDA Approval."

AMCP Seeks Candidates for



2018-2019 Board of Directors

Are you interested in shaping the profession and practice of managed care pharmacy? If your answer is yes, consider running for a position on the AMCP Board of Directors. AMCP is seeking candidates for President-elect and three (3) Directors. The AMCP President-elect will serve for one year in that capacity and then one year each as President and Immediate Past President. President-elect candidates must be a Pharmacist Active Member in good standing. Directors must be a Pharmacist, Physician or Nurse Active Member in good standing. Directors will serve two-year terms. Successful candidates will be installed at the 2018 AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Boston (April 23-26, 2018). Applications are due by 5:30pm (Eastern) on Sept. 7.

NOTE: This year AMCP will conduct the Board election electronically. It is critical that AMCP have correct email addresses for those members who are eligible to vote by September 15, 2017. Please check your AMCP membership profile at www.amcp.org. For more information and to download the application visit www.amcp.org/election.



Academy Shows Off New Headquarters at Open House



The Academy hosted an Open House on June 26 for roughly 100 guests from pharmacy associations and related organizations in the Washington, D.C., region. Visitors enjoyed hors d'oeuvres as they toured AMCP's new headquarters, filled with glass-enclosed huddle nooks and open office spaces. Messages left on a writeable wall included the line, *"Beautiful setting to accomplish great things for pharmacy. Congratulations!"*



PLATINUM Corporate Member Spotlight: Genentech

AMCP News&Views caught up recently with **Fran Molettieri**, Director of Regional General Managers at Genentech, to get his thoughts on its PLATINUM corporate membership and innovations at his company:

N&V: As you considered becoming a PLATINUM Corporate Member, what tipped the scales?

Genentech is excited to collaborate in areas where we can drive meaningful engagement, two-way dialogue, and translatable insights into action and results. AMCP has demonstrated the ability to achieve this model through the Corporate Council and the various Forum opportunities. We look forward to working together with AMCP on addressing these industry-shaping topics to improve patients access to healthcare and drive improvement in patient outcomes. Read [more](#).



Get Ready for AMCP Managed Care Pharmacy Residency & Fellowship Showcase

AMCP Nexus 2017 will host the 20th Annual AMCP Managed Care Pharmacy Residency & Fellowship Showcase on Wed., Oct. 18, from 6pm to 8pm. The Showcase features a forum for student pharmacists to meet one-on-one with representatives from managed care pharmacy residency and fellowship programs across the country in preparation for post graduate activities.

This event provides an opportunity to promote your program to potential candidates and foster new relationships and exchange valuable information. There is no cost to participate in the Showcase and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please visit www.amcp.org/residencyshowcase/.



AMCP Nexus 2017 Offers Accreditation for All!

AMCP has [teamed](#) up with PRIME Education to offer continuing education credits for pharmacists, physicians and nurses covering [five tracks](#) at AMCP Nexus 2017. Accreditation will be offered in Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE), Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), and Continuing Nursing Education (ANCC). For more information, visit www.amcpmeetings.org.

Student Pharmacy Chapter Spotlight: Univ. of Minnesota



The AMCP Student Chapter at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy hosted a networking event this spring titled “Network, Network and Network Some More.” Its purpose was to provide a relaxed environment for AMCP student pharmacist members to interact with professionals to build their professional network. Over 30 attended, including students and individuals representing PBMs, industry and consulting. The chapter would like to thank all the

professionals and students that attended in making the Networking Event a success. Read more chapter spotlights at www.amcp.org/chapterspotlight.

MAXIMIZING VALUE IN HEALTH CARE

First in a series of articles bridging the predictions from our Emerging Trends body of knowledge to current health care realities

REFORM EFFORTS are bringing intense scrutiny to entire components of our health care delivery system. Today, patients, physicians, health systems, and payers are asking whether the path for better value can hold back the rising tide of costs. Healthcare focus on:

- The decoupling costs of the pharmaceuticals, via *transparency and digital*
- Hospital emergency room evaluation and management codes *ranked up 7.4%*
- *Actual payments for services reported. Health plan savings topping \$1.6 billion*
- Seventy-five percent of employers with single coverage in 2014 compared to 41% of those in large corporations have *deductibles at or less \$1,000*
- *Medicare cost sharing rose 77% over 10 years ending 2014*

The move to a value-oriented marketplace was one of AMCP Foundation's Top 10 *Emerging Health Care Trends*, as published in our landmark report in 2014. Significant progress has been made on multiple fronts in the past three years, as various stakeholders continue to press for new approaches to optimize value in health care. *MAXIMIZING VALUE IN HEALTH CARE* is the first in a series of articles bridging the predictions from the Emerging Trends body of knowledge to current health care realities. The update highlights four important areas of progress. Value in Oncology Care; Value in Reimbursement; Improving the Patient Experience; and Emergence of Value-Based Pharmaceutical Contracting. Read the article [here](#).

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Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center developed *DrugRank*, which calculates the relative value of an intervention based on several factors.

Maximizing Value in Health Care: Re-Examining Emerging Trends Research

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AMCP Foundation Is Accepting Nominations for 2018 Steven G. Avey Award



The Steven G. Avey Award was established in 2001 to recognize a health care professional for sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the practice of managed care pharmacy. The Avey Award is the field's highest honor, and recipients are standard-bearers for sustained, exemplary and distinguished service who have increased awareness, motivated fellow members and researchers, and made significant contributions to the advancement of managed care pharmacy. The AMCP Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Award. For more information and to nominate, visit [here](#).



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CONNECTING PAYERS WITH THE FORMULARY INFORMATION THEY NEED

An interview with Susan A Cantrell, RPh, CAE, CEO of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP).

By David Costill

The June issue of *First Report Managed Care* features AMCP CEO Susan Cantrell discussing the eDossier System at FormularyDecisions.com. The Q&A article, "Connecting Payers with the Formulary Information They Need," provides an overview of the eDossier System and delves into many of its attributes. Topics explored include: the historical need to develop this platform for health care decision makers; the methodology behind the platform; how it aligns with the FDA's recent guidance for sharing health care economic information between payers and pharma companies; and how well the platform is functioning to connect payers with the information they need for preapprovals. Read it [here](#).



AMCP Members in the News



Kat Wolf Khachatourian, PharmD, MBA, has been appointed to the Washington State Department of Health's Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. Khachatourian is a long-time AMCP member and participated last spring in an AMCP congressional briefing on product communications.

James Lang, vice president of pharmacy services at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and long-time AMCP member, passed away suddenly on June 13.

Lang joined AMCP in 1989 and was active in many capacities, including on the Public Policy Committee and the Specialty Pharmacy Advisory Group. In 2012 Lang received the University of Michigan Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award.



* *Note:* Please send member news items to Neal Learner at nlearner@amcp.org.



AMCP Is Hosting *Hot-Topic* Webinars in July

It's hot outside, and AMCP is turning it up further with a series of hot webinars this month. Mark your calendars for:

KDIGO 2017* Clinical Practice Guideline Update for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, Prevention and Treatment of CKD-MBD (*KDIGO is Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes)

Wednesday, July 12, 2-3pm EDT

A Science & Innovation Theater Webinar sponsored and developed by OPKO
AMCP Members and Non-Members are Free. Register [here](#).

The Opportunities and Challenges in Rare Disease Management

Wednesday, July 19, 2-3pm EDT

A Science & Innovation Theater Webinar sponsored and developed by Bayer
AMCP Members and Non-Members are Free. Register [here](#).

The Immuno-Oncology Pipeline and the Managed Care Considerations

Wednesday, July 26, 2-3pm, EDT

The educational activity is supported by an unrestricted education grant from Merck & Co., Inc. This program is accredited to provide 1.0 contact hours of continuing pharmacy education credit.
AMCP Members and Non-Members are Free. Register [here](#).



AMCP Staff Members Volunteer to Help Less Fortunate

Members of the AMCP Government and Pharmacy Affairs staff hosted a BBQ cookout for residents of the Friends of Guest House, a facility that helps Northern Virginia women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. This is the second year in a row that the team has volunteered at the House.

(Image above, from left: Lauren Lyles, Soumi Saha, Reginia Benjamin, Zane Madhani, Mary Jo Carden. Image right, Soumi turns the Shish Kebabs).



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