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LOOKING AHEAD

Hepatitis C: A Focus on the Evolving Epidemiology Landscape

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 2-3pm EDT

[AMCP Members and Non-Members - Free](#)

Ensuring Therapy Access & Effective Medication Mgt. Strategies in MS

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 12-1pm EDT

[AMCP Members and Non-Members - Free](#)

2nd Annual Payer and Provider Workshops in HCV and HIV: Tackling Patient Selection, Access and Adherence Issues

Cities in June: Boston; Minneapolis; Washington, DC; Newark; San Francisco; Detroit

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Educational Affairs Committee
Gathers to Select Programming
for AMCP Nexus 2017



Members of AMCP's Educational Affairs Committee met last month at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va., to discuss and build the education program for AMCP Nexus 2017: Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care, in Dallas, Texas (Oct. 16-19). After exhaustive discussions on the proposals and content, the 15-member committee selected more than 30 sessions.

"This year's set of proposals was especially strong," said Committee Chairperson Julie Howard, MBA, PharmD. "We gave each one a thorough review and selected those that we believe will provide Nexus attendees the most valuable information necessary to advance their work." [Read more.](#)



Note: Session descriptions will start being posted in early July at www.amcpmeetings.org. Registration for AMCP Nexus 2017 opens June 20 at 1 p.m. E.T.

(photos: Above, Julie Howard (left) and Ruby Singh, AMCP VP of Education and Training; Above Right, members of Educational Affairs Committee take break from discussions)



My Recent "Field Trip" to Arizona Highlights AMCP's Breadth and Depth

One maxim I hold dear is the value of getting out of the office now and then to see how things are working in the field. I had that opportunity recently with a "field trip" to the beautiful state of Arizona, where I participated in several events: a workshop on strategies to strengthen association governance, a conference on integrating data in pharmacy practice, a visit with student pharmacists, and a tour of an innovative MTM service center. While each event was different in

nature, they all confirm the positive state of managed care pharmacy and the Academy. [Read more.](#)

(photo: Tour of SinfoniaRx. From left, Kate Johnson, Kevin Boesen, Susan Cantrell and Sandra Leal)



AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees Meet for Strategic Planning Workshop

Trustees of the AMCP Foundation gathered with staff last month in Alexandria, Va., to begin charting the Foundation's future for 2018-2020. Topics on the strategic planning agenda included ways to expand research and educational activities, as well as philanthropy and organizational excellence.

Board of Trustees President Allan Chernov, MD, said "The workshop exceeded my expectations! It was truly fun to gather the diverse and highly intelligent volunteers on our Board. This organization has a rich legacy of facilitating broad research and immersive education for many audiences, which we will build upon in the coming years."



The Foundation and AMCP have been following similar paths and working with the same consultant in order to release new strategic plans. While the leaders were in the Washington area, they visited the new AMCP headquarters (pictured). For more information on the Foundation and its Board of Trustees, please visit www.amcpfoundation.org.



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JMCP Special Supplement Examines Frameworks for Assessing Value of Oncology Treatments

To address escalating drug costs, health care payers increasingly are adopting benefit designs that aim to identify and pay for medications based on their value. The June issue of the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy* (JMCP) features a special supplement comparing existing value frameworks used in such benefit designs to assess high-cost oncology treatments. The five articles in the supplement, "Value-Based Framework Considerations for Managed Care Pharmacy," raise important questions about these frameworks, including the core challenge of how to define value. Read the supplement at <http://bit.ly/2qXHeL9>, or visit www.jmcp.org.



AMCP Is Growing: Staff Expands with Four New Hires

The Academy recently added four new members to its growing staff roster. AMCP is delighted to welcome Jay Kalathil, IT infrastructure and online enterprise manager; Lida Khodabakhshi, account manager; Lauren Lyles, PharmD, manager of pharmacy affairs and new practitioner programs; and Matthew Mitchell, human resource manager. Read about their [backgrounds](#). (Photo, from left: Kalathil, Lyles, Mitchell, Khodabakhshi)

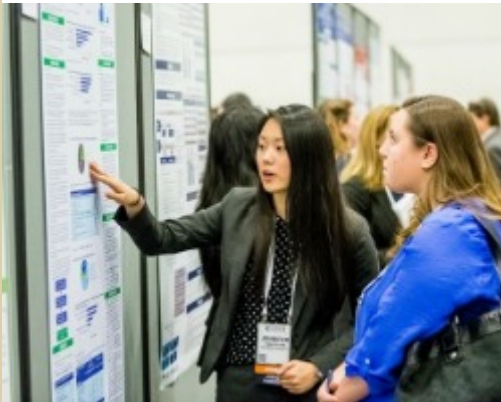
AMCP Foundation Announces Summer Interns with Pfizer,

Allergan, Genentech and AMCP



A dozen student pharmacists from across the country have been selected to participate in summer internships organized by the AMCP Foundation and supported by three partnering companies: Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc., and Pfizer, Inc. The highly competitive programs offer future practitioners the chance to experience firsthand the broad spectrum of managed care pharmacy careers. “We are so proud to embed these bright young pharmacists within managed care organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers and non-profits,” says Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, Executive Director of the AMCP Foundation. “The real-world training made possible by Pfizer, Allergan and Genentech is invaluable in grooming the next generation of health care decision-makers.” [Read more.](#)

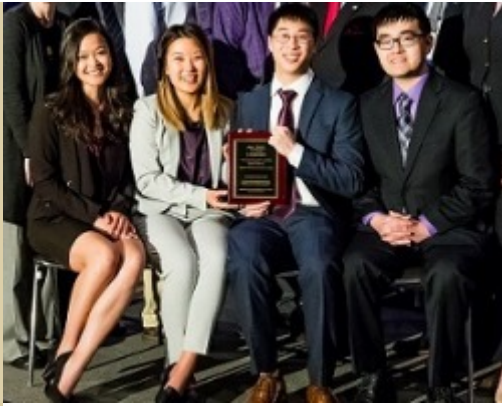
(Photo: Cantrell (l/back) and Eichenbrenner (r/front) visit 2016 summer interns at Allergan)



JMCP Offers New Poster Category at Nexus 2017 on AMCP Foundation Research Symposium Theme

The AMCP Foundation and JMCP have teamed up to offer a new category for posters at AMCP Nexus 2017 based on the [Foundation Research Symposium](#) theme: “Value-Based Health Care: Identifying Benefits for Patients, Providers & Payers.” Researchers are invited to submit poster abstracts on topics such as value frameworks, value-based insurance, patient-centered value, cost sharing, payment models and policy. The top-rated abstract in this category will receive a Best Poster award and deliver a 15-minute podium presentation during the Symposium on Oct. 16. “This is an exciting opportunity to concentrate a body of research on one of the hottest topics facing health care today,” says JMCP Editor-in-Chief Laura E. Happe, PharmD, MPH. Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, adds, “We’re delighted to solicit work on value in partnership with JMCP, as share the journal’s commitment to examining health care challenges and presenting solutions.” **NOTE:** The Nexus 2017 abstract submission deadline is rapidly approaching! Authors can choose among numerous poster categories, including the new value topic as well as options based on the disease, diseases, or conditions described in the abstract. All posters will be on display during the poster presentations Oct. 18. For more information and to submit abstracts, visit www.amcp.org/meetings/callforposters/. All submissions are due July 11, 5:30 PM, ET.

Chapter Spotlight: University of Washington's P&T Competition



The AMCP Foundation Annual P&T Competition gives students the opportunity to develop skills in formulary management. This past year, the University of Washington team was selected as one of eight finalists, and placed 2nd in the overall competition. Below are some helpful tips from the University of Washington team as they reflect on their journey the past year.

What was the most challenging aspect of P&T, and how did your group handle it?

The most challenging part is juggling P&T, school, work and other extracurricular activities. It's important to start early, and highlight the strengths of each team member. In that way, you can allocate work efficiently. [Read more.](#)



California Northstate Univ. to Host 10th Annual AMCP Western Regional Conference

California Northstate University in Elk Grove, Calif., will host the 10th Annual AMCP Western Regional Student Conference on June 24 and 25. The event, themed “Driving Toward Improved Patient Outcomes with Data,” is designed to educate student pharmacists on the fundamentals of managed care pharmacy and allow them to explore current managed care paradigms. Breakout sessions will be led by professionals from a wide range of managed care pharmacy settings. Keynote address will be presented by AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. For more information and to register, visit [here](#).



Dymaxium ISPOR Workshop in Boston: Challenges of Providing Information to Payers Prior to Product Launch

Payers and other decision makers are keen to receive information about new products prior to launch, in order to help with financial planning or to anticipate the nature of the clinical and economic assessment they may have to perform. However, manufacturers face challenges in providing this information, either because it may breach regulations concerning the communication of ‘off-label’ information, or because the information available is preliminary or otherwise subject to uncertainty. These issues were discussed, informed by a recent survey of 172 US

payers, which explored the types of information they require, the time by which they require it, and the means by which such information might be exchanged. Discussion leaders addressed these challenges from the perspectives of payers, manufacturers, and pharmaco-economic researchers. Audience participation was encouraged by conducting an interactive survey of opinions on the key issues, followed by a general discussion. The workshop was presented at the ISPOR 22nd Annual International Meeting. Click [here](#) for a copy of the presentation materials.



Wanted: AMCP Diplomats

Nominations are being sought to fill positions in AMCP's Diplomat Program. Diplomats are AMCP members who volunteer to work with a school/college of pharmacy as a managed care pharmacy resource for student pharmacists and faculty. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as an AMCP Diplomat, please follow this link: www.amcp.org/diplomat/. Openings are available in the following:

East Region

Appalachia College of Pharmacy; Oakwood, VA
Hampton University; Hampton, VA
Marshall University; Huntington, WV
University at Buffalo (SUNY); Buffalo, NY
University of Charleston; Charleston, WV

South Region

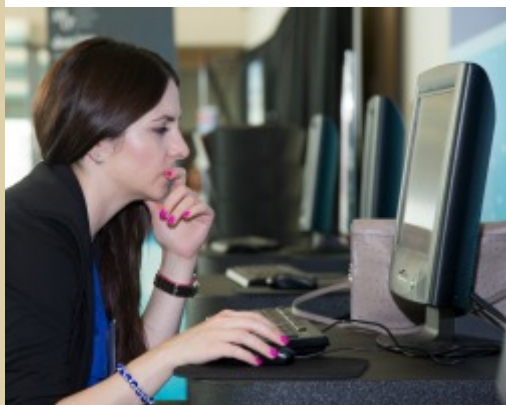
East Tennessee State University; Johnson City, TN
Harding University; Searcy, AR
Presbyterian College; Clinton, SC
South College School of Pharmacy; Knoxville, TN
University of Louisiana at Monroe; Monroe, LA

Midwest Region

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science; Chicago, IL

West Region

Texas A&M Health Sciences Center; Kingsville, TX
University of Texas at Tyler; Tyler, TX



AMCP Learn Posts More Recent Webinars, Annual Meeting Sessions

AMCP Learn recently added dozens of new online CE learning and professional development programs. Recently posted webinars include [Improving Outcomes for Hereditary Angioedema](#) and [A Managed Care Evaluation of the Dyslipidemia Management Advances](#). Recently posted AMCP Annual Meeting 2017 sessions include [Patient-Reported Outcomes: A Primer for Managed Care Pharmacists](#), [Coverage Decisions for Specialty Medications: Different Data, Different Determinations](#), and [Keeping up with Biosimilars: The Latest on Regulation, Utilization, Monitoring, and Pipeline](#). More sessions will be added soon, including the pre-Annual Meeting event, Specialty Pharmacy Connect! Visit <http://amcplearn.org>.

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