

# AMCP NEWS AND VIEWS

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**AMCP Nexus 2017 - SAVE THE DATE!**  
Oct. 16-19, Dallas, Texas



AMCP Volunteers Helped Make  
the Annual Meeting a Success!

The Academy and AMCP Foundation would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the more than 240 member volunteers who helped make the AMCP Annual Meeting a resounding success. The team included 44 volunteers who staffed the concierge booth, along with 128 who served as conference buddies and professional mentors, 37 as session moderators, and 32 as poster judges or poster mentors. In addition to helping fulfill crucial functions at the Meeting, the volunteers themselves get a great deal of satisfaction from giving back to AMCP. Longtime member Elizabeth Sampsel, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, has served as a mentor at several AMCP meetings and remains in contact with past protégés who have entered the managed care pharmacy profession. “I just want you to know the work that you and the AMCP team does is so important,” she writes in an email to the membership division at AMCP. “This program gives as much back to the AMCP members (me) that have been in our profession for many years as we give to the students.” You can see the full list of Annual Meeting volunteers [here](#). (photo right: Kenneth J. Bykowski (l) mentors Jonathan Chang at Meeting; above: members answer questions at AMCP concierge booth)



## AMCP's New Grassroots Vender Will Make Advocacy More Member Friendly

The Academy is excited to announce the launch of a new, more user-friendly grassroots advocacy campaign system. Starting this month, Voter Voice will provide Action Alerts to engage members in letter-writing campaigns to federal and state officials and regulators. Like the previous system, Voter Voice will send emails to members urging them to take action whenever AMCP initiates a grassroots advocacy campaign. The system will automatically populate each member's name and address fields once they click the "take action" button. The system also will allow members to change the contact field for future alerts, but will not override information in AMCP's membership database. Members may opt out of Voter Voice without opting out of all AMCP communications. Look for the icon above in your emails.



## AMCP Releases Multi-Stakeholder Findings to Drive Value, Outcomes in Oncology

Increased collaboration, improved decision-making support tools and greater use of value-based contracting are among the recommendations found in new proceedings from the AMCP Partnership Forum: Driving Value and Outcomes in Oncology. Prompted by the accelerating pace of new oncology products, the partnership forum, held last fall, focused on the need to improve value and outcomes in oncology for patients, providers, payers and delivery networks. “The proceedings are just the beginning of the work AMCP is doing in this space,” said AMCP CEO Susan

A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. “We are committed to leading the conversation around defining value and improving outcomes in cancer care. We are developing a forum on value-based contracting for June and a second forum on oncology in the fall, with the goals of addressing challenges outlined in these proceedings.” The proceedings, published in this month’s issue of JMCP, can be accessed [here](#) or by visiting [www.jmcp.org](http://www.jmcp.org). Read press release [here](#).



## AMCP Nexus 2017 Theme Announced: “Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care”

*Volume to value, quantity to quality:* such transitions in health care today are like a rock tossed in a pond. The ripple effects are far-reaching and unstoppable. So important is this transformation that we’re dedicating a significant amount of programming to the topic at our fall conference in Dallas (Oct. 16-19). In fact, we’re calling it “AMCP Nexus 2017: Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care.” Looking back, we’ve come a long way in a relatively short amount of time. A decade ago, the idea of linking the cost of a therapy to how well it performed was considered revolutionary. Today, value-based contracting models increasingly are considered a way to manage escalating health care expenditures. I’m pleased to say that AMCP is helping usher in this new era of value-based contracting. In the coming months, we will be fully engaged in various activities that explore the promises and challenges of paying for products based on how well they perform. Read [more](#).



## AMCP Foundation Holds Successful Campaigns to Support Research, Help Low-Income Residents in Denver

The AMCP Foundation fulfilled a significant part of its philanthropic mission this spring with two successful giving campaigns: a [5K for the Future](#) run/walk to help support future education and research on improving the health care system, and a charitable drive that collected 534 pairs of socks for low-income and homeless individuals in Denver. The events took place at the AMCP Annual Meeting, March 27-30. The 2017 race attracted 290 registrants, including an all-time high of 11 teams, while the Foundation’s first “Sleep-In for the Future” also drew participants. The [“Knock Your Socks Off”](#) drive collected 534 pairs of brand-new adult and children’s socks from Annual Meeting attendees. The donated socks were presented to local agency Metro Volunteers, which in turn distributed them to The Action Center; Clothes to Kids; Denver Rescue Mission; A Precious Child; and Family Tree. This is the Foundation's second sock collection for a local community during a national AMCP meeting. Read [more](#).



## Chapter Spotlight: The

# University of Houston

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The University of Houston initiated its AMCP Mentor/Mentee Match Program last fall to meet the needs of students who were interested in learning more about the managed care and industry fields, yet were unable to find the proper resources. Due to geographical disadvantages, our chapter searched for innovative ways to connect students to professionals in the field, while combating geographical barriers. The mentor/mentee program helps students find a mentor who could help them grow professionally and learn about different aspects of pharmacy. Read more at [www.amcp.org/chapterspotlight/](http://www.amcp.org/chapterspotlight/).



## Diplomat Spotlight: Peter Lee

Peter Lee PharmD, MBA, FAMCP CCHP, serves as an AMCP Diplomat for Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a Co-Diplomat for the University of Oklahoma. He received his PharmD from the University of Southern California and attended the University of Oklahoma for his MBA. He currently works at PharmaCorr/Corizon Health as Vice President of Clinical Pharmacy Services.

**How did you become involved in AMCP?** As an AMCP student member, I attended an AMCP annual meeting and it changed my life forever. I was fortunate to do two summer AMCP/Managed Care Pharmacy internships and PGY-1 residency with CVS Health in Irving Texas. I also was blessed to be on the Educational Affairs Committee as a student and even became a chairperson of the committee years later. In addition, I was a member of the Special Projects Committee, Organizational Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Nominations Committee, and other ad hoc committees. Finally, I received a Spirit of Volunteerism Award from AMCP and recently have been inducted as Fellow of AMCP.

Read more at [www.amcp.org/diplomat\\_spotlight/](http://www.amcp.org/diplomat_spotlight/).



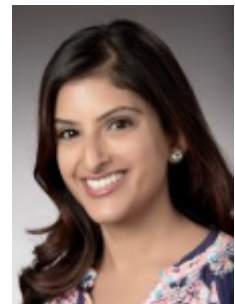
## AMCP Welcomes Tricia Lee Wilkins as Director of Pharmacy Affairs; Promotes Soumi Saha to Director of Pharmacy and Regulatory Affairs

The Academy is pleased to announce two new senior staff positions in its Government and Pharmacy Affairs division. AMCP is delighted to welcome Tricia Lee Wilkins, PharmD, MS, PhD, as Director of Pharmacy, and to promote Soumi Saha, PharmD, JD, to Director of Pharmacy and Regulatory Affairs.

Tricia Lee comes to the Academy from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, where she served as principal subject matter expert on pharmacy practice and medication use in health IT content areas. She earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and completed her Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees at West Virginia University. At AMCP, she will focus on HIT, quality, and opioid management issues, as well as manage the AMCP-ASHP residency programs, serve as liaison to the Professional Practice Committee, and serve as a subject matter expert for partnership forums. Tricia Lee will join AMCP on May 22.

Soumi will continue her work on federal and state regulatory issues and pharmacy affairs, including on FDA payer and pharmaceutical company communications issues. She also will continue to serve as an MTM subject matter expert for partnership forums, and will oversee the student development and new practitioner programs.

"With these personnel changes, the Academy is ideally positioned to progress AMCP's priorities and improve health care on many fronts," said AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. "I couldn't be more delighted to have Tricia Lee join our team and focus on these crucial areas of interest to our members. I'm also proud to promote Soumi to director. She is a significant contributor to AMCP, and was instrumental in the recent introduction of the Pharmaceutical Information Exchange Act of 2017 (HR 2026)."



*(Image above, Wilkins; right, Saha)*

## JMCP Call for Papers - Biosimilars: The First Two Years

## JOURNAL OF MANAGED CARE & SPECIALTY PHARMACY

The *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy* (JMCP) is inviting papers for the themed issue titled Biosimilars: The First Two Years, which will be published in December 2017. The first U.S. biosimilar was approved in 2015, with four more approved in 2016 and more applications under review in 2017. These agents have the potential to reduce health care costs, with an estimated \$54 billion of reference products predicted to lose patent protection by 2020. Today, we are just beginning to gain real world data of the few biosimilars available in the market. This is a critical time to collect and share real world evidence in managed care pharmacy. Abstract deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern, May 19. Visit [www.imcp.org/callbiosimilar2017](http://www.imcp.org/callbiosimilar2017).



## Which Pipeline Product Are YOU Reviewing?

The AMCP eDossier System is looking to formulary decision makers for feedback to align our pipeline content with your current formulary review needs. Help us prioritize System-developed pipeline content by taking the poll Which pipeline products are most important for your organization to review in the next 6 months?

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXLGQV9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXLGQV9)

- Dymaxium commits to having the top 50 identified Dymaxium P&T Prep Sheets in the AMCP eDossier System
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## Job Opening: BBCIC Seeks a Chief Science Officer

The AMCP Biologics and Biosimilars Collective Intelligence Consortium (BBCIC), a multi-stakeholder research collaborative, is seeking a Chief Science Officer with extensive experience in drug surveillance and observational research methods. The BBCIC is a science-based, non-profit, public service initiative that will monitor biosimilars and

their corresponding novel biologics for effectiveness and safety. The research draws on a distributed research network with de-identified medical, pharmacy and EMR data covering 100 million people. The BBCIC framework applies the same scientific, analytic methods used by the FDA Sentinel initiative, a post-market surveillance system that harnesses cutting-edge distributed research network and surveillance methods to track the safety of pharmaceuticals and other therapies once they reach the market. The BBCIC Chief Science Officer has responsibility for leading and developing the BBCIC surveillance research in compliance with the BBCIC Charter and Policies and Procedures. This includes working in conjunction with all BBCIC Participant organizations, the BBCIC Coordinating Center and data partners, surveillance and outcomes researchers, and other surveillance organizations including the U.S. FDA.

For more details on this position and to view other AMCP job openings, click visit [here](#).

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