

AMCP and AMCP Foundation Leaders Approve Managed Care Pharmacy Joint Research Agenda



The AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees and AMCP Directors recently approved a four-part research agenda that identifies and prioritizes critical evidentiary gaps in managed care pharmacy.

The agenda was proposed by the AMCP and AMCP Foundation Joint Research Committee (JRC), which was established in 2016 to promote and encourage the creation and dissemination of relevant and credible research and initiatives to advance patient care services in managed care pharmacy.

The four research priority areas approved in April 2018 are:

1. Real-world evidence to inform managed care pharmacy decision-making;
2. Value-based models in managed care pharmacy to address total cost of care;
3. Impact of benefit design or utilization management strategies on patient outcomes; and
4. Impact of direct patient care services provided by managed care pharmacy on patient outcomes.

More details will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*.



Record Number of Socks Benefit Boston Homeless, Women and Infants



AMCP members, AMCP/Foundation staff and friends of the #PinkSocks tribe collected 1,118 pairs of socks for individuals in need! The "[Knock Your Socks Off](#)" drive in Boston was more successful than



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ever, doubling the number of pairs received at prior AMCP conferences. The effort was mutually conducted with funding partner Pharmerit International. Our community partner, Boston Cares, delivered the socks to Pine Street Inn, Women's Lunch Place and Room to Grow. [Read what our funding and community partners](#) had to say about the success for the sock collection. Start collecting socks for the [charity drive](#) in Orlando!

In addition, [AMCP Foundation donated](#) fruit, beverages and snacks to Conventions C.A.R.E and AMCP donated 600 insulated bags to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

(Image: top, Boston Cares picks up donated socks after Annual Meeting; above left, AMCP member Rob Kilo, of Biogen, and family donated 150-plus socks.)

Springtime is rolling along, relentlessly heading to the summer solstice...which means it's "Internship Time" at your AMCP Foundation! This summer, with generous support from Pfizer, Allergan and Genentech, the AMCP Foundation has selected 10 of our nation's brightest pharmacy students to benefit from immersion in "real-world" managed care settings. How cool is that to help launch students on the path to future leadership in managed care pharmacy?! Way cool...and I, for one, believe is worthy of "naming names" and giving "props" to sponsors and students. [Read more.](#)



My Bumpy Road to a Summer Internship

By Mandy Renfro

Words cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for the AMCP Foundation and Pfizer, Inc. teams for making this dream opportunity a reality for me. One of the many reasons I applied for this internship is because of my own personal experience as a patient. The Foundation's mission statement and values align with my personal values and career goals. My experiences involving leadership and health outcomes related research throughout my first two years of pharmacy school provided the confidence I needed to take this leap of faith. But I wouldn't have predicted this journey several years ago. In 2014, my life was filled with

P&T Competition Award Recipients

Excitement around recipients of the 2018 AMCP Foundation National P&T Competition was hard to contain at the AMCP Annual Meeting in Boston. Eight teams stood out from the 12 schools and colleges of pharmacy that advanced to the semi-finals, but only three teams persevered. Awards were presented April 26 at the [Foundation Awards Ceremony](#). Congratulations to First Place: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy; Second Place: University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy; and Third Place: The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. "The number of competing schools and colleges of pharmacy increases each year, which bodes well for the future of

What's on the Mind of Avey Awardee?

Every year, the Foundation recognizes an individual who embodies excellence in practice, research, education, public policy and administration with the [Steven G. Avey Award](#). Recipients are standard-bearers for sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the field of managed care pharmacy. **Kim A. Caldwell, RPh**, Vice President of Pharmacy Affairs at Humana, Inc. and 2013-14 AMCP President was [presented with the 2018 Award](#) by **Dr. Allan Chernov**, AMCP Foundation

uncertainty and doubt. I just finished my first semester back at The University of Texas at Austin after withdrawing from classes in the fall for medical reasons. [Read more.](#)

managed care pharmacy," said Paula J. Eichenbrenner, MBA, CAE, Executive Director of the AMCP Foundation. [Read more.](#)

President, at the Annual Awards Dinner during AMCP Annual Meeting in April. Read [Mr. Caldwell's remarks](#) from the AMCP/AMCP Foundation Awards Dinner. [Read more.](#)



Foundation Recognizes New Research on Schizophrenia, Cost-Effectiveness and Vaccination Rates

More than 110 researchers entered the AMCP Foundation and CVS Health Best Poster Competition at the AMCP Annual Meeting in Boston in April. Entrants were judged on scientific merit; strength of conclusions; relevance of research to managed care pharmacy; clarity of materials; and knowledge of subject matter during the presentation. [Winners in each category](#) were recognized at the AMCP Foundation Awards Ceremony. [Read more.](#)

(Image: Best Student Pharmacist Poster winners, Irfan Khan and Brigitte Azzi [center] with CVS Health, JMCP, AMCP and Foundation representatives)



Hundreds Join in Event for Wellness

Enthusiastic runners and walkers laced up their shoes for the [5th Annual 5K for the Future](#) at Castle Island in Boston. The Run/Walk on April 25 featured more than 200 registrants, including ten teams and 60 participants in the "Sleep-In for Wellness" fundraiser. [Read more.](#)

Register for Sunrise Yoga @ Nexus 2018

[Sunrise Yoga](#) sold out yet again at the Annual Meeting! We are grateful to biopharmaceutical firm Alkermes for sponsoring this popular activity. Make sure you reserve your spot for Nexus 2018, so you can "sweatwork" with other attendees before sessions begin. [Register here.](#)

Trustee Spotlight: Jan E. Hansen, PhD

The AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees is comprised of national health care thought leaders. This issue of our quarterly newsletter spotlights Trustee **Jan E. Hansen, PhD**. Dr. Hansen is Vice President of the Evidence for Access Unit within Genentech's US Medical Affairs.

What do you like most about your work?

I take great pleasure and pride in knowing that the health economic and outcomes research (HEOR) and health services research that my team performs is applied. The work is relevant and impactful, as it informs decision making in managed care organizations, and ultimately facilitates access of effective therapies to the patients who need them.

What is the one quality you feel best describes you?

Determined....Determined to make a difference!
[Read more.](#)



Save the Nexus Date and Consider Volunteering

Save the date for the [AMCP Foundation's 8th Annual Research Symposium](#), a preconference program prior to AMCP Nexus. This year's Symposium will take place on Monday, October 22 in Orlando, FL. Join us to advance the collective knowledge about how managed care pharmacy impacts patient outcomes. You can [plan now to volunteer](#) in Florida, too! Someone once said "One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time." The AMCP Foundation has opportunities for you to do just that. Give your time at Nexus 2018 by being an [AMCP Foundation Kiosk Volunteer](#) or [AMCP Foundation Poster Mentor](#).



Happy Birthday, AMCP Foundation

Join the AMCP Foundation in celebrating our 28th birthday this month! 2018 is an exciting year as AMCP marks 30 years of service to the profession, and the Foundation achieves 28 years of advancing medication-related research and education. Help us honor the Founders by [supporting the Foundation's mission](#) to advance the quality and affordability of our health care system. We were privileged to recognize the AMCP Founders at the Foundation Reception (*image*) during AMCP's Annual Meeting this spring, especially as these individuals also conceptualized the Academy's charitable arm. [Read more.](#)

Thanks for Donating!



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First-Time Donors to Foundation

The AMCP Foundation welcomes many new names to our growing donor list! We're glad that you recognize the importance of what we stand for, and we are grateful for your support. This is your first step to helping us advance the quality and affordability of our health care system. The following individuals donated for the first time between March 23, 2018 and June 12, 2018. [Read more.](#)

Aligning Tomorrow's Pathways Today

With the introduction of tax reform, the latest edition of AMCP Foundation's planned giving newsletter [Aligning Tomorrow's Pathways](#) reviews tax-smart ways to give in 2018. This edition also discusses fostering a giving mindset. Featured tools include a gift illustrator, personal estate planning kit and many resources on ways to give. [Begin your giving journey](#) today!

Thank You to Our Funding Partners!

Foundation events at AMCP Annual Meeting 2018 were made possible by investments of our partners. The P&T Competition, Poster Competition, Sunrise Yoga, 5K for the Future, Sock Collection and Avey Award are some of the programs that help us to achieve our mission. Creating enduring partnerships is our goal, and we are delighted to acknowledge the [following companies for their support.](#)

Partner With Us: Sponsorships Available for Research Symposium, Nexus 2018



The annual [AMCP Foundation Research Symposium](#) has become a leading forum for discussing managed care pharmacy challenges and opportunities. In 2017, the event addressed [value-based care](#). The [8th Annual AMCP Foundation Research Symposium](#) will cover themes

from our Emerging Trends in Health Care research. Held prior to AMCP Nexus, the Symposium features a keynote address, as well as individual and panel presentations by subject matter experts. New data and Symposium learnings are distributed via the program, meeting report, executive summary and post-event recap webinar. Planning is underway the 2018 Symposium, and we are seeking funding partners. Co-sponsorship is available at \$25,000 each. Sponsor benefits include:

- Participation via a company representative on the Symposium planning work group
- Company recognition in all Symposium pre- and post-event meeting materials and promotions
- Company logo with link displayed on the AMCP Foundation and Nexus registration websites
- Acknowledgement in the Nexus final program and in the Nexus mobile app
- Enduring recognition with website linkout on AMCP Foundation website
- AMCP Foundation event attendee list
- AMCP Foundation Sponsor badge ribbon
- Company name/logo Symposium and Nexus signage.

Sponsor recognition can be customized! Contact [Phil Schneider](#) for details and explore additional 2018-2019 sponsorship opportunities available at [Nexus 2018](#) and [Annual Meeting 2019](#).



Foundation Staff News & Activities

Congratulations! Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner on May 13 completed her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, with a specialization in Global Business, from the Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She attended Virginia Tech's National Capital Region campus in Falls Church, VA. As part of the degree, this spring she completed a two-week study abroad course on comparative economies in India and the United Arab Emirates. Paula also holds the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential and an undergraduate degree from Tulane University. Paula joined the Foundation team in 2015, and has received many industry distinctions, including the *Association Trends* Young & Aspiring Association Professional Award.