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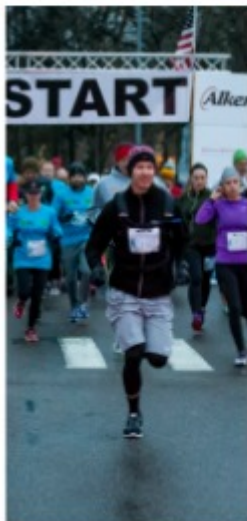
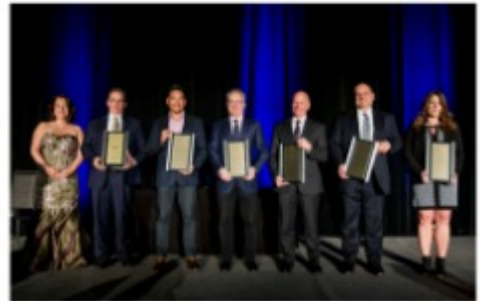
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 2-3pm, EDT

**Insights into New Evidence and Mechanism in the Treatment of Adults with Atopic Dermatitis**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 2-3pm EDT



Denver Plays Host to AMCP  
Managed Care & Specialty  
Pharmacy Annual Meeting



Denver, Colorado, was the center of the managed care pharmacy universe last month as more than 4 thousand managed care pharmacy professionals from across the country traveled to the Mile High City for the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting, which kicked off March 27 with pre-meeting events and ran through March 30, featured more than 40 educational sessions along with Satellite Symposia, Science and Innovation Theaters, industry workshops, student pharmacist programming, an awards ceremony, an inspirational General Session keynote speaker, and an Expo hall featuring more than 100 exhibitors. Read [more](#). To see images of the event, visit [here](#).



## AMCP and AMCP Foundation Honor Managed Care Pharmacy Leaders at Annual Awards Dinner

AMCP and AMCP Foundation honored some of managed care pharmacy's brightest leaders last month at the Annual Award Dinner. The gala event was held March 29 as part of the AMCP Annual Meeting in Denver. "Every year it's a great pleasure to recognize the outstanding men and women who are setting the standard for managed care pharmacy in the 21st Century," says AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. "Not only have these individuals excelled at the highest levels in their own careers, but they have given freely of their time and talents to advance our profession and the Academy. We are grateful for their service and the inspiration they provide to help AMCP fulfill its mission of improving health care for all." Read [more](#).

*(Image: John P. Hopkins gives speech after receiving the AMCP Foundation's Steven G. Avey Award)*



## AMCP Applauds Introduction of the "Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2017"

The Academy commends Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) for introducing [H.R.2026](#), the "Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2017". The bill aims to improve patient access to emerging medication therapies by clarifying the scope of permitted health care economic and scientific information communications between biopharmaceutical manufacturers and population health decision makers. The bill incorporates AMCP's multi-stakeholder [consensus recommendations](#) to allow biopharmaceutical manufacturers to proactively share clinical and economic information with population health decision makers on emerging therapies in advance of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, an area that is significantly restricted by current federal laws and FDA regulations. Read [more](#).



## AMCP Legislative Days: AMCP Leaders, Staff Urge Congress to Tap Managed Care Pharmacy's Expertise, Take Action on PIE

AMCP volunteer leaders and staff gathered in Washington, D.C., on March 6-8 for the Academy's annual Legislative Days event. In more than 50 Capitol Hill meetings, teams of Board members, Committee Chairs (Public Policy and LRAC) and staff discussed the importance of maintaining a comprehensive pharmacy benefit in any new reform legislation that may emerge. Teams also emphasized that managed care pharmacy professionals have the expertise necessary to help lawmakers develop policies for an effective benefit.

In addition, they pressed the need for legislation codifying a preapproval information exchange (PIE) safe harbor to share clinical and economic information on emerging therapies in advance of Food and Drug Administration approval. Legislation was subsequently introduced in April (*see story above*). In addition,



AMCP members and staff urged Congress to support appropriate funding of federal agencies and programs to develop evidence on the effectiveness of medications and other treatments. To read AMCP's positions visit [www.amcp.org/PositionStatements/](http://www.amcp.org/PositionStatements/).



## AMCP Sees Progress in PIE Bill, Will Continue to Promote Comprehensive Pharmacy Benefit in Health Reform Efforts

Whoever said, "May you live in interesting times," could have been talking about Congressional health care policy debates circa 2017. Never a dull moment!

Many things are happening on the health care legislative front, and AMCP has been in the thick of it. I am delighted to report that we are seeing major movement in our efforts to better facilitate the sharing of clinical and economic information between biopharmaceutical companies and health care decision makers.

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## Academy Swears in 2017-2018 Board of Directors

AMCP swore in the 2017-2018 AMCP Board of Directors, which includes four new members: President-Elect Mitzi M. Wasik, PharmD, FAMCP, FCCP; Treasurer William H. Francis, BPharm, MBA, RPh; and Directors Paul L. Jeffrey, PharmD; and Marissa Schlaifer, BPharm, MS, RPh.

Other Board members include: President Diana Brixner, RPh, PhD, FAMCP; Immediate Past President Babette Edgar, PharmD, MBA, FAMCP; and Directors Deb Schering Curry, PharmD; James T. Kenney, Jr., RPh, MBA; Gary Mitchell Owens, MD; and Secretary Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE.



Members of the board of directors are elected for two-year terms. As your representatives, board members establish the vision and mission for the Academy. They also oversee its policies, property, affairs and funds. "All of our Board members have had a long affiliation with AMCP, and are veterans of the managed care pharmacy profession," says AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell.

(Image: New Board of Directors - for names and bios, visit [here](#).)

## AMCP Foundation Welcomes New Board of Trustee Member,



## Summerpal Kahlon

The AMCP Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Summerpal Kahlon, MD, to its Board of Trustees. Dr. Kahlon's term began at the conclusion of the AMCP Annual Meeting. "The Foundation is delighted to have someone of Dr. Kahlon's caliber on the Board," says Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, AMCP's Chief Executive Officer and AMCP Foundation Chair. "He brings a unique perspective to the role of managed care pharmacy, and a deep understanding of how health information technology can improve patient health." The Foundation would like to recognize the contributions of Edwin C. Hedblom, PharmD of 3M Health Care who concluded his service on the Board this month. Also at the Annual Meeting, Allan J. Chernov, MD was re-elected President and Kathleen Moreo, RN, BSN, CCM, Cm, CDMS of PRIME Education, Inc. was re-elected Vice President. Christopher V. Goff, Esq. of Employers Health was elected Treasurer. Read [more](#).



(Image: New Board of Trustees - for names and bios, visit [here](#))



## Mark J. Milligan Is Appointed AMCP Vice President of Finance

The Academy is pleased to announce that Mark J. Milligan has been appointed AMCP Vice President of Finance. In this role, he will oversee and lead all financial management functions for AMCP, the AMCP Foundation and BBCIC, LLC. He has more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit, finance leadership, working with charities, associations and foundations, including Global Impact, the National Association of Elementary School Principals; American Council on Renewable Energy; National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association; Croplife America; Insurance Institute for Highway Safety; and Whitman-Walker Clinic. Milligan also has worked in patient accounting at Chestnut Lodge Hospital and Montgomery General Hospital. Milligan is a member of American Institute of CPAs and the Greater Washington Society of CPAs.

## AMCP Foundation Announces Recipients of 2017 National



## P&T Competition, Best Posters



The AMCP Foundation is proud to announce winners of its 17th Annual National Student Pharmacist Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Competition and 2017 Best Poster Contests for student pharmacists, residents or fellows, and graduate students.

Taking first place in the P&T Competition was the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Second place went to the University of Washington and third place went to the University of the Pacific.

Winner of the Best Student Pharmacist Poster was Arianna Kee; Best Resident or Fellow Poster was Kameron Kelly, PharmD; and Best Graduate Student Poster was Sanket Shah, MBBS.

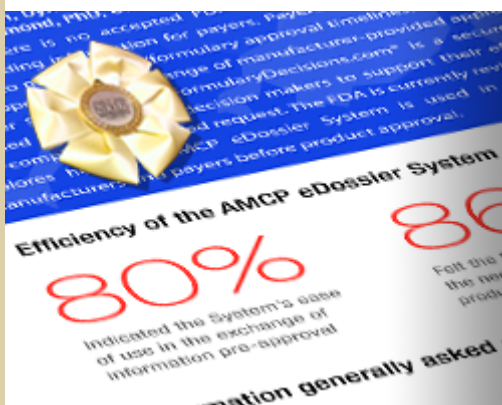


Awards were presented March 30 at the AMCP Foundation Awards Ceremony during the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

"The AMCP Foundation is proud to showcase the work of our country's brightest student pharmacists each year," said Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, Executive Director of the AMCP Foundation. "A key part of the Foundation's mission is to support education. These competitions provide unique, real-life learning opportunities that prepares participants for a lifetime of success."

Read [more](#).

*(Images: Upper right, winning P&T team from University of North Carolina seated with sponsors and AMCP Foundation staff. Left, Kameron Kelly accepts plaque from AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula Eichenbrenner.)*



## Dymaxium and the AMCP eDossier System Win Gold Medal Abstract Award at AMCP Annual Meeting

Currently, no FDA-sanctioned safe harbor for the exchange of truthful and non-misleading information exists

between manufacturers and decision makers. The AMCP eDossier System within the FormularyDecisions.com® platform supports the exchange of information, including pre-approval information, and could qualify as a safe harbor. From a November 2016 survey of registered users of the AMCP eDossier System, 100% had requested pre-approval information from manufacturers using the System at least once in the past year. And, 64% are using manufacturer content for pre-approval product reviews. Moving forward, there are opportunities to increase manufacturer support and participation in this pre-approval information exchange through the System, provided identified barriers could be overcome, such as finalizing FDA draft guidance regarding specific information that may be shared. The research was presented at the recent AMCP Annual Meeting in Denver and garnered a Gold Medal Abstract award. Request a copy of the poster [here](#).



## Members in the News: Lee Installed as President of CPhA

Long-time AMCP member and newly installed AMCP Fellow Vinson C. Lee, PharmD, MS, FCPHA, has been installed as President of the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA). He took the position on Feb. 26 at the CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange educational conference and annual business meeting held in Palm Springs, California. Dr. Lee is the Director of Reimbursement, Access and Value at Amgen, Inc. He is actively engaged with schools of pharmacy throughout California serving on advisory councils or as adjunct faculty. *(If you have a "Members in the News" item, please forward to [nlearner@amcp.org](mailto:nlearner@amcp.org).)*



## AMCP Diplomat Spotlight: Bibek Sandhu and the University of Wisconsin-Madison: School of Pharmacy

Bibek Sandhu, PharmD, serves as AMCP Diplomat for the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, where he also received his PharmD. After graduating, Sandhu completed a managed care residency at Navitus Health Solutions, where he now works as a Clinical Account Executive.

### How did you become involved in AMCP?

My initial involvement in AMCP began during my third year in pharmacy school. When I started pharmacy school, I planned to be a clinical pharmacist in a hospital, but I took the advice of my older classmates to keep an open mind to experience as much of the pharmacy world as possible. I took a serious look at managed care in my third year, after working in various areas of pharmacy. During that same year, I attended AMCP Nexus and received some great insight into the different areas where a pharmacist can make an impact. Since then, I have remained involved in AMCP and now serve as a Diplomat. Read [more](#).



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