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LOOKING AHEAD

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Formulary Decision-Making Strategies

This educational activity is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Sarepta Therapeutics.

This program is accredited to provide 1.0 contact hours of continuing pharmacy education credit.

Friday, April 6, 2pm EST

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

Patient Reported Outcomes: The Missing Link to Defining Value - Proceedings from the AMCP Partnership Forum

Wednesday, April 11, 2pm EDT

[AMCP Members - Free](#) — [AMCP Non-Members - \\$69](#)

AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting

April 23-26, Boston, MA

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center



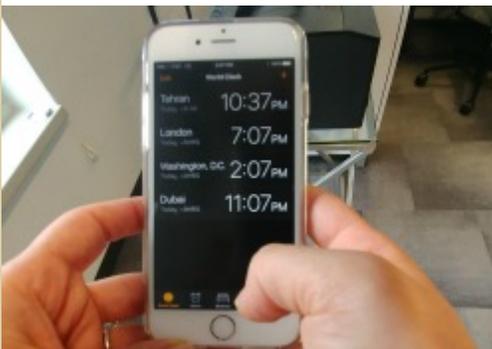
AMCP's Volunteer Leaders Gather to Discuss Strategic Plan, Key Issues





The Academy's new strategic plan, along with ways to address rising costs of medications, an exercise on defining AMCP's "brand" and a review of AMCP committee tasks, topped the agenda at the AMCP leadership meeting, February 21 and 22 in Arlington, Va. Current and incoming AMCP board members and committee chairs gathered for the annual event to take stock of ongoing AMCP activities and prepare the transition to a new set of volunteer leaders. AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, noted the Academy is going through a period of transformational growth. "It's a very exciting time at the Academy," she said. "We're poised to play an even greater role in influencing the policies and practices that improve patient outcomes and control costs throughout the health care system. As a membership organization, AMCP is stronger than ever. Much of the credit for our ongoing and future success goes to our highly engaged members and volunteer leaders." [Read more.](#)

(image from top, l-r: hard at work; Donald Klepser and Melissa McCart; AMCP President Diana Brixner; Past Presidents Babette Edgar and Raulo Frear; Iris Tam and AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell; Incoming President Mitzi Wasik)



There's an App for That! AMCP Leadership Shares Favorite Online Applications

AMCP leadership meetings often start with a fun question that allows everyone to get acquainted and share a laugh. Last month's gathering of board of directors and committee chairs featured a more practical icebreaker: a telling of everyone's favorite app. The apps included everything from alarm clocks and fitness assistants to microbrewery guides and PDF scanners. "In the busy working environment that we are all a part of, sharing our favorite Apps to either make the work more efficient, or maximize our time off, turned out to be a very useful exercise!" said AMCP President Diana Brixner, who led the activity. "Our recommended apps span the gamut, from the practical for work and travel to those intended to maximize our free time activities. Here's to easy the workload and optimizing time off!" [Visit here for a sampling of the apps.](#)

AMCP Offers Educational Benefit with University of



Florida College of Pharmacy

AMCP is pleased to announce a new educational benefit with the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. AMCP members will receive 50% off their first and last course (up to a \$2,250 value) in the college's online Master of Science (MS) Program in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy. UF's flexible, online MS program is designed for working professionals for completion in 5 semesters, and is taught by managed care experts and industry leaders. Those of you who have completed the [Fundamentals course](#) may recognize AMCP Founder, Robert Navarro, as the director of the UF Managed Care curriculum. [Apply now](#) to secure your special AMCP/UF benefit.



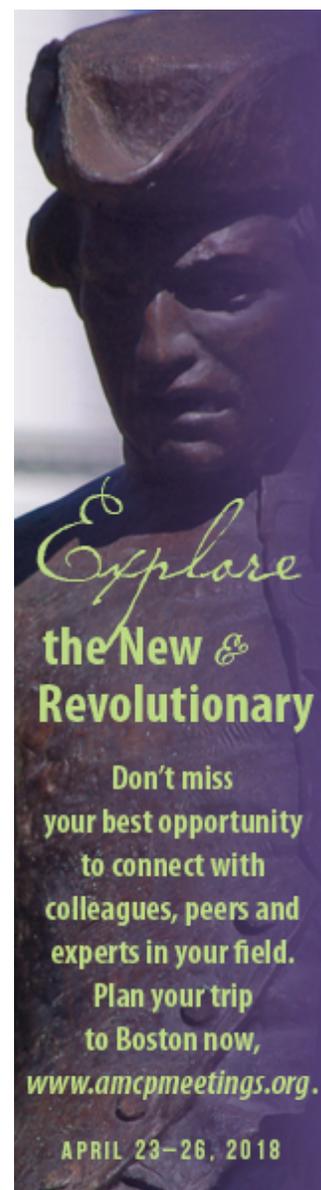
Legislative Days Focuses on PIE Act, Addressing Fraud in Medicare Part D

One of AMCP's key strategic pillars is to advocate for legislation that will help advance the profession of managed care pharmacy. This function is on full display this week during our Annual Legislative Days event. I am proud to join nearly 20 of AMCP's volunteer leaders and staff in a trek up Capitol Hill to meet with more than 50 House and Senate offices on two crucial issues: passage of the Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2018 (H.R. 2026) and initiatives to reduce fraud, waste and abuse under the Medicare Part D program. [Read more](#)



Volunteers, Staff Take Capitol Hill to Advocate for PIE Act, Efforts to Combat Fraud, Waste & Abuse

AMCP covered Capitol Hill this week for its Annual Legislative Days 2018 event. Teams of AMCP volunteer leaders and staff visited more than 50 House and Senate offices to advocate for two crucial issues affecting managed care pharmacy: passage of the Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act of 2018 (H.R. 2026), and initiatives to reduce fraud, waste and abuse under the Medicare Part D program. AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE noted that, "AMCP



works continuously on our members behalf, on these and other issues. We are cementing our reputation in Washington as the 'go-to' organization for population health management and design of medication benefits." For more information on our positions on these and other issues, please visit the [Federal/State Legislative-Regulatory Issues](#) page.

(Images: Above, AMCP volunteers Brian Lehman (right) and Elizabeth Sampsel meet with Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health on Ways and Means; Below, AMCP teams visit dozens of House and Senate offices)





This year at the Chapter Leadership Academy, we will get the unique experience to learn more about student roles in advocacy and policy. I look forward to hearing about AMCP legislative efforts and ways to advocate for the profession of managed care pharmacy, as a student."

-Samantha Breckenridge
University of Missouri—Kansas City
School of Pharmacy



Student Pharmacy Leaders Help Spread Word on Importance of Attending Annual Meeting

The AMCP Student Pharmacist Committee (SPC) has developed a series of head-shot graphics describing the value that student pharmacists get out of attending the Annual Meeting, and encouraging them to attend the event.

"The headshots and quotes are the Student Pharmacist Committee's way of reaching out to pharmacy students to really communicate the benefits of attending the AMCP Annual," said Samantha Breckenridge, incoming Vice Chair of the SPC. "Many events are hosted with the promise that there's something in it for the student population, but costs of travel arrangements can be a major barrier to getting people to take that leap of faith. We wanted a way to tell our peers across the country that we're in the same boat as them and that it's worth it. AMCP Annual isn't just another meeting."

Look for the posts on AMCP's social media channels.

Attending AMCP Annual has allowed me to continually network and meet with students and pharmacists from across the country with whom I form immediate connections with based on our shared passions, career and academic interests.

-Alexa Devita
Drake University
College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences



Corporate Member Spotlight: Sage Therapeutics

AMCP News&Views caught up recently with Todd Grisco, Vice President for Market Access at Sage Therapeutics to get his thoughts on becoming a Corporate Member, as well as how Sage is poised to make an impact for patients in the months ahead:

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



As a clinical-stage company that is on a mission to develop and commercialize novel medicines to transform the lives of patients with life-altering central nervous system (CNS) disorders, Sage is excited to engage with a variety of stakeholders to advance that objective. Now, as a member company with AMCP, we have the opportunity to both broaden and deepen this engagement with the Academy’s 8,000 pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other practitioners—as well as with other member companies and organizations. “Doing Big” is one of our core values at Sage, and this requires us to set our sights high, and collaborate and foster innovation in its many varieties from R&D to Commercialization. Our involvement with AMCP will no doubt help to support these efforts and challenge us in our mission to help make life better for patients with CNS diseases by discovering, developing, and delivering important new medicines for patients in need. [Read more.](#)



Student Chapter Spotlight: The University of Illinois at Chicago

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) AMCP Student Chapter hosts a P&T Lecture Series for their student body every year in the months leading up to the P&T competition. The Lecture Series consists of six lectures and two after-hours lectures that are required for competitors and open to all others interested. The lectures cover foundational topics to help prepare students for the competition, such as:



- Introduction to Specialty Pharmacy
- Monograph Writing
- Benefit Verification/Prior Authorizations
- Medication Policy
- Literature Searches
- Critiquing Clinical Trials
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Evaluating Economic Models

The topics may change year-to-year based on student feedback. They plan on continuing these efforts as it encourages students of all experience levels to participate. *(Learn more about Student Chapters at www.amcp.org/chapters/)*



AMCP Foundation, PRIME Partner on Tool to Navigate IBD Decision-Making & Treatment

The AMCP Foundation is partnering with PRIME Education to launch an online tool that helps ensure patients gain appropriate access to inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) procedures and treatments. The [ibd.care tool](#) is designed to equip IBD care teams with essential information, practical tips and resources to effectively navigate managed care requirements.

- **What You'll Learn:** Evidence-based strategies and best practices for selecting the appropriate therapy for each of your IBD patients, empowering your patients to play an active role in their care, and improving your patient's access to the necessary therapies.
- **What You'll Get:** A fully personalized toolbox with your saved information, tips, and resources, which you will be able to download after navigating the tool.
- **Earn CME/CE:** This activity is accredited for 1.0 hour CME/CE for Physicians, Nurses, and Case Managers. Review the accreditation information on the [Earn CME/CE](#) page. Follow the instructions to complete the post-evaluation and earn your CME/CE certificate.

The patient and caregiver portal of the site is supported by the Case Management Society of America. For more information and to access the site, visit www.ibd.care/.



Members in the News



Cindy Pigg has been appointed Vice President of Managed Care and Business Development at Cardinal Health. Previously she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Pharmacy Officer Gateway Health. In her new role, she will lead the Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAO) group. Cindy has a long and deep affiliation with AMCP. She is a former AMCP President, a recent board member and the former Executive Director of the AMCP Foundation. *(Please send member notices to nlearner@amcp.org)*



AMCP eDossier System Supports Proposed PIE Act (H.R. 2026)

AMCP and stakeholders have been advocating for the early exchange of information between payers and manufacturers prior to FDA approval to support payer budget and formulary planning. The AMCP eDossier System payer community has had an increasing number of requests to manufacturers for preapproval information. In a recent survey, two-thirds of payers indicated manufacturer response to pre-approval requests via the System was the same or better than for non-participating manufacturers. For more information on this survey, [visit here](#). Dymaxium, the host of the AMCP eDossier System, supported the PIE Act on the Hill with AMCP Legislative Days on March 6 and 7, 2018. If you are interested in participating, email us at information@amcp.edossiers.com.



Pre-Annual Meeting Events: Focus on Hemophilia at Specialty Connect

Start your Annual Meeting learning on April 23 with an in-depth program on the significant clinical and economic complexities surrounding the treatment of hemophilia. It is imperative that managed care professionals understand the disease state, evolving standards of care and emerging therapeutic options. [Specialty Connect 2018](#) is designed for industry leaders, experts and managed care pharmacists operating in the fast-growing specialty sector. Presentations include:

- [The Present and Future of Hemophilia Treatment](#)
- [Managing Patients with Hemophilia: A Payer's Perspective](#)
- [Gene Therapy for Hemophilia: Hope for a Cure?](#)

The program will close with a [panel discussion](#) on managing hemophilia. Space is limited, save when you [register by March 23rd](#).



AMCP Foundation Once Again Offers Health and Wellness Events at Annual Meeting

Attendees of the AMCP Annual Meeting, April 23-26 in Boston can get moving and motivated through the AMCP Foundation's various health, wellness and giving events. These include:



The AMCP Foundation 5K for the Future Run/Walk

Wednesday, April 25, 6am Check-in/6:30 am Start Time

Castle Island – Boston

\$40 Race for the Future (member & non-member)

\$20 Sleep-In for the Future (member & non-member)

Timer chips will be provided to each runner on the day of the event. Water stations will be located along the course and refreshments at the finish line. The race is supported by Alkermes, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson. For up-to-date information on the 5K for the Future, visit run.amcpfoundation.org.

Sunrise Yoga

Tuesday, April 24, 6am–7am

Westin Boston Harbor

\$15 AMCP Member/Non-Member

Enjoy the benefits of exercise and maintain mind-body balance with our experienced instructors from CorePower Yoga. This energizing yoga session is suitable for all ability levels. Refreshments and yoga mats are provided. Space is limited, so [register today!](#). This event is made possible through funding by Alkermes, Inc.



Knock Your Socks Off

The AMCP Foundation and Pharmerit International are engaging attendees in community giving by hosting a [“Knock Your Socks Off”](#) charity drive to benefit local organizations in Boston. All socks are welcomed in adult and youth sizes. A token of our appreciation will be given to all attendees who contribute socks.

The Foundation is looking for Kiosk volunteers to help answer questions and facilitate the donations, as well as field inquiries

about registration for events. [Volunteer today!](#) For more information on activities, visit www.amcpmeetings.org/amcp-foundation-events/.



AMCP Learn Offers Triple-Accredited Sessions for Pharmacists, Physicians, Nurses

Changing the way we pay for health care touches every role within managed care. That's why selected sessions from our Nexus conference last October are accredited for pharmacists, physicians and nurses. Three of those sessions have been added to [AMCP Learn](#).

- [Spotlight on the Oncology Pipeline](#)
- [Best Practices in Transgender Health Policies and Formulary Development into Your Health Plan](#)
- [MACRA and the Impact of Medication Use on Quality Payment Program Performance Measures](#)

All three are accredited for pharmacists, physicians and nurses through a partnership between AMCP and PRIME Education. Choose the sessions that meet your needs and stay up to date with your professional education. Visit <http://amcplearn.org>. To see what's new on AMCP Learn, go to the [Main Catalog](#) and search by "Newest."



Annual Meeting Attendees Can Earn Additional CPE Credit at Nine Satellite Symposia

Presented at no additional charge to registered meeting attendees, Satellite Symposia extend the educational experience of meeting attendees and offer continuing pharmacy education credit (CPE), continuing medical education credit (CME), continuing nursing education credit (CNE) or all three. Topics include multiple sclerosis, hemophilia, asthma, atopic dermatitis, psoriatic disease, non-small-cell lung cancer, multiple myeloma and migraine. All symposia will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston. For more information, [click here](#).

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