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Partnership Forum on Prior Authorization Develops Recommendations to Improve Process

Focusing on what's best for the patient, leveraging technology to perform real-time benefit checks, and developing trust and transparency among stakeholders are some of the suggestions to emerge from AMCP's recent Partnership Forum on "<u>Optimizing Prior Authorization for Appropriate Medication Selection</u>." The event, which took place June 25 and 26 outside of Washington, D.C., brought together diverse health care experts to recommend ways to improve prior authorization processes. Detailed recommendations will be included in a proceedings document published in an upcoming issue of AMCP's Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy. Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, Merck, the National

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Pharmaceutical Council, and Takeda sponsored the event. The Partnership Forum on prior authorizations follows on the heels of AMCP Professional Practice Committee's release of <u>best practices around nine specific concepts</u> to support more timely, efficient, and collaborative prior authorization processes.

# SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR AMCP'S BOARD

Apply by September 4

## Nominations Are Now Open for Positions on AMCP Board of Directors

This is your chance to step up and help shape the future of managed care pharmacy and AMCP. The Committee on Nominations is seeking candidates to serve on the 2020-2021 AMCP Board of Directors, with openings available for President-elect and three Directors. All terms will begin following AMCP Annual 2020, April 21-24 in Houston, Texas. The President-elect serves for three years (one year each as President-elect, President, and Immediate Past President), and Directors serve two-year terms. <u>Application deadline is Sept. 4</u>. *(image, photo of current Board hanging in AMCP headquarters)* 



## Have a Wonderful Summer!

The AMCP and AMCP Foundation family wish all our wonderful members an enjoyable summer! AMCP remains busy with many activities, including webinars set for July and August, and a summer meeting of the AMCP Board of Directors this month. Visit us on our website and Twitter. (*image, AMCP/Foundation staff*)



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AMCP, HOPA Cohost Forum on Value of Cancer Care

AMCP and the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) cohosted a conference last month that explored ways of achieving better value in cancer care by increasing quality and reducing financial burdens of pharmaceutical treatments. The June 28 event, "<u>The Value of Cancer Care Forum: Pharmacy's Call to Action</u>," took place at the National Press Club and included panel discussions on quality metrics used in oncology and other practice areas, as well as payer and provider perspectives on establishing value-based programs. "The interests of AMCP and HOPA are well aligned with a focus on improving patient outcomes," said AMCP COO Cynthia Reilly. In 2017, AMCP held a related Partnership Forum on "<u>Driving Value and Outcomes in Oncology</u>," which focused

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on finding solutions to the financial burden of oncology care, improving cancer treatment outcomes, and advancing value-based care. (*image, staff of AMCP and HOPA*)



# *JMCP* is Featured in Alliance for Aging Research Event Unveiling Study on Alzheimer's Disease

The Alliance for Aging Research on June 27 held a panel discussion on an Alzheimer's disease study published in the July issue of AMCP's *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy (JMCP)*. The study, <u>The Real-World Medicare Costs of Alzheimer's Disease: Considerations for Policy and Care</u>, found that families and Medicaid, rather than Medicare, bear most of the substantial cost burden of Alzheimer's disease. As research continues into Alzheimer's treatments, "it's not too early to consider how to better integrate Medicare and Medicaid to fund and improve patient outcomes, which will likely involve better diagnosis, treatment, and care coordination," the study concluded. At the event, AMCP COO Cynthia Reilly noted that *JMCP* is dedicated to improving the quality of care to patients, and that AMCP and its members continually seek ways to improve access to and affordability of new therapies. *(image, event speakers, including Reilly [second from left])* 



# Call for Speakers at AMCP Nexus 2019 — AMCP Talks: Health Technology

**Hurry!** Tomorrow (*Wednesday, July 10 at 5 p.m. ET*) is the deadline to submit speaking proposals for "<u>AMCP Talks: Future</u> <u>Trends in Health Technology, Digital Therapeutics and Patient-Centered Benefit Design</u>," at AMCP Nexus 2019, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the Gaylord National Harbor in National Harbor, Maryland. This three-hour program will feature rapid-fire, timed presentations followed by a moderated panel discussion with audience participation. AMCP is seeking individuals who can present specific examples on how emerging technology can be used in various ways, including: (1) Using Health Technology to Enhance Managed Care Pharmacy Practice, (2) Digital Therapeutics: How Can Managed Care Use the Data these Novel Tools Bring?, and (3) Patient-Centered Benefit Design. Access the <u>online application</u>. AMCP will notify you of your submission status by Aug. 16. *(image, participant from 2018 AMCP Talks program)* 



# Steven G. Avey Award Committee Seeking Nominations

The AMCP Foundation Award Committee is seeking nominations for managed care pharmacy's highest honor, the <u>Steven</u> <u>G. Avey Award</u>. The award, which recognizes an individual who embodies the highest values of <u>leadership</u>, <u>research</u>, <u>advocacy</u>, <u>innovation</u>, <u>and collaboration</u>, will be presented at the Awards Dinner at AMCP Annual 2020, April 21-24, in Houston, Texas. The 2020 awardee will join many <u>notable recipients</u>, including namesake <u>Steven G. Avey</u>, MS, RPh,

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FAMCP, who received the 2019 award. Honor your role model by submitting a nomination at <u>apply.amcpfoundation.org</u>. *(image, 2019 Avey Award recipient, Steven G. Avey, with Immediate Past President Mitzi Wasik at 2019 Awards Dinner)* 



## Student Pharmacists Complete AMCP APPE Rotation

Fourth year PharmD candidates Jeff Hsiao *(left)* of Touro University California College of Pharmacy and Brandon Luong *(right)* of Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill completed their AMCP Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria last month. The five-week APPE rotation gives students hands-on experience with association leadership and management practices, including effective communication, education, and advocacy. The student pharmacists also conduct a managed care research project. Hsiao presented research on the drug pipeline and management of Alzheimer's disease and Luong presented research on the depression drug pipeline and management strategies for the disease. For more information, visit <u>www.amcp.org/amcpappe/</u>.



# AMCP Is Accepting Nominations for Chapter of the Year Award

Did your AMCP Chapter do something remarkable last year? Let the world know. AMCP is accepting nominations for its Annual Chapter of the Year Award, which recognizes and inspires AMCP Chapters to strive for excellence in their managed care education programming. Winners will be announced at the AMCP Nexus 2019 this October in National Harbor, Maryland. AMCP has more than 80 Chapters in colleges of pharmacy nationwide that provide opportunities for professional growth and promote the teaching of managed care pharmacy. The 2018 Chapter of the Year Award went to the University of Minnesota Chapter, which in collaboration with the school's Industry Pharmacists Organization, organized a trip to Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis. The Chapter also hosted a highly successful 2nd Annual Midwestern Regional Conference in September 2017. The deadline to submit nominations is July 26. Click for <u>more information</u>. *(image: University of Minnesota Chapter members with AMCP CEO Susan Cantrell [seated center], and School of Pharmacy Relations Committee Chair Jeff Larson [seated right] AMCP Board Member Pat Gleason [left]).* 

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