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LOOKING AHEAD

Integrating Novel Strategies to Optimize Management of Moderate-to-Severe Atopic Dermatitis
[Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 2-3pm EDT](#)

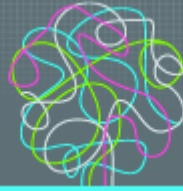
Biosimilars Basics and Beyond: Regulating Biosimilars
[Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 2-3pm, EDT](#)

MAVYRET: A New HCV Treatment For All Genotypes (1-6)
[Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 2-3pm EDT](#)

What is Managed Care Pharmacy?
[Thursday, September 28, 2017, 12-1pm, EDT](#)

2nd Annual Payer and Provider Workshops in HCV and HIV: Tackling Patient Selection, Access and Adherence Issues
[Cities in September: Durham, NC; Louisville, KY; Chicago, IL; Pittsburgh, PA](#)

AMCP Nexus 2017
[October 16-19, Dallas, Texas](#)



AMCP Staff Collects Items for Victims of Hurricane Harvey; Will Deliver Portion of Socks Collected by AMCP Foundation to Houston

Like everyone across the country, AMCP members and staff share a deep concern for the safety and wellbeing of thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Harvey.

AMCP has 115 members in the Houston area, including employees of Cigna-HealthSpring, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic and students at Texas Southern University and the University of Houston. In addition, a staff member's family lives nearby, and the Southwest AMCP Affiliate originated in the Lone Star State, then known as the Texas Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by this unprecedented storm and flood. This kind of disaster puts many of our daily troubles in perspective, and makes us realize the importance of coming together to help one another. We at AMCP are doing our part to address the massive need.

AMCP staff has so far collected more than 150 pounds of daily items, including diapers, baby food, pet food, canned goods, toiletries, socks and shoes. The collection was organized by our own Zain Madhani, AMCP Program Coordinator for Pharmacy and Government Affairs, and Student Development. Zain is from Houston, where her family still resides. [Read more.](#)

(image: AMCP staff collect items for Houston in drive organized by Zaine Madhani [seated center])

Call for Volunteers! Consider Participating in One of AMCP's Many Committees



Volunteers are the heart of AMCP's work! Volunteers allow the Academy to provide the research, tools and education that is so important to our members. By serving on one of AMCP's committee you share your voice and expertise, you make valuable personal connections and you give back to managed care pharmacy! Consider taking an active part in AMCP by volunteering for one of AMCP's many committees. Review all the committee purposes at www.amcp.org/committee to decide the one that is right for you. Complete and submit your application by Nov. 16!



AMCP Board of Directors Election: Applications Due Tomorrow!

The AMCP Committee on Nominations is seeking candidates for President-elect and three (3) Directors. The terms of office will begin at the conclusion of next spring's AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2018 in Boston. The President-elect will serve three years (1 year each as President-elect, President and Immediate Past President). The Directors will serve two year terms. **Applications are due Sept. 7!** For more information, or to download the application, visit www.amcp.org/election.



AMCP Survey Seeks Members Input on Legislative and Regulatory Priorities for 2018

AMCP has issued a survey to members seeking their feedback on legislative and regulatory priorities of 2018. The recommendations will be used to guide AMCP's programming and efforts in the coming year. If participants fill out the survey by Sept. 17, their names will go into a drawing for one of two \$250 gift cards. The survey should not take more than 5 minutes: www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQV937P



Seeking Feedback: Proposed Revisions to the Pharmacy Profession's MTM Definition

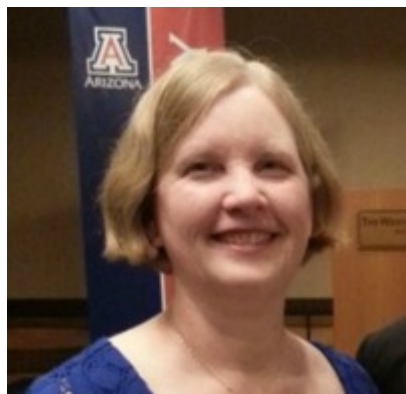
A [Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners \(JCPP\)](#) Workgroup, comprised of 13 national pharmacy organizations, including AMCP, is seeking feedback on proposed revisions to the pharmacy profession's definition of "Medication Therapy Management (MTM)." Specifically, JCPP is requesting comments on the proposed draft definition, a proposed new term for the definition, and supporting text promoting the value of pharmacists in delivering the spectrum of services described in the definition.

To date, AMCP's position with significant input from its MTM Advisory Group, has been to support the use of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) as the appropriate term to describe the broad spectrum of cognitive services that pharmacists provide in multiple settings as it is defined in statute, understood by other health care providers and patients, and has been adopted in the marketplace in areas outside of Medicare Part D such as state Medicaid programs and the commercial market. However, others have raised concerns that while originally intended to be broadly applied in the marketplace, the term MTM is often associated primarily with Medicare Part D and therefore there is a need to update the terminology to create consistency and promote better understanding of the services pharmacists provide. [Read more.](#)



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Diplomat Spotlight: Ann Sears at The University of Arizona



AMCP caught up recently with Ann Sears, BS Pharmacy, RPh, to get her thoughts on serving as an AMCP Diplomat at The University of Arizona:

How did you become involved in AMCP? I was working in managed care and my organization encouraged their PICs to be involved at the state and national levels. I went to my first AMCP and volunteered. This exposed me to some wonderful staff and countless members and that was all it took for me to be hooked. I still consider myself Blessed beyond measure at the contacts and friends that I have found through my affiliation with AMCP.

What type of interactions have you had with your AMCP student chapter or school of pharmacy? My initial meetings were interacting with leadership of the College of Pharmacy at University of Arizona. I was able to do a lunch meeting with the students and talk about managed care and AMCP. Eventually this

enabled me to do a managed care class for 3rd year students. I also became a preceptor and have had students shadow me outside of rotations. [Read more.](#)



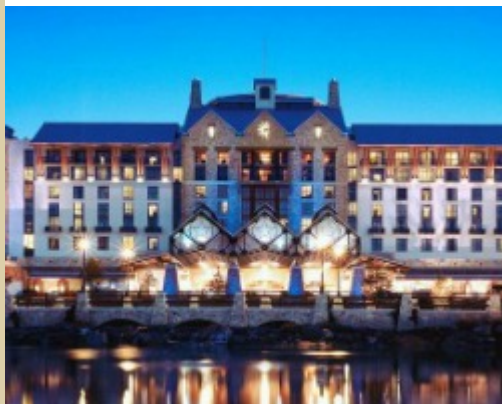
Nexus 2017 General Session — America's Pipeline Conundrum: Paying for Cures

The AMCP Nexus General Session will tackle one of the biggest challenges of our time: how to pay for innovative therapies coming to market that promise cures for some of humanity's most intractable diseases.

Panelists will include leading thinkers and doers from the payer, biopharmaceutical research, policy and health economics worlds. They include **Jane F. Barlow**, MD, MBA, MPH, Senior Advisor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Biomedical Innovation; and **J.D. Kleinke**, Medical Economist and Health Care Expert, who has written and lectured extensively about the economics, politics, and culture of the U.S. health care system. Additional panelists will be announced soon.

The panel will be led by moderator **Alan Weil**, Editor-in-Chief of *Health Affairs*, and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Among his previous positions, Weil served as executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP); he directed the Urban Institute's Assessing the New Federalism project; and he held a cabinet position as executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the state's Medicaid agency. For more information, visit [here](#).

(Image above: Weil [left], Barlow [top], Kleinke [bottom])



Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care: Track Offers Sessions That Glimpse the Future

[AMCP Nexus](#) has devoted an educational track to Changing the Way We Pay for Health Care, with sessions designed to challenge the way you think about contemporary practice. They include:

- Understanding MACRA and the Impact of Medication Use on Quality Payment Program Performance Measures
- Diabetes: Value Based Insurance Designs (VBID) Real World Evidence
- Managed Care Role in Advancing and Supporting New Models of Care in the Primary Care Setting
- Incorporating Best Practices in Transgender Health Policies and Formulary Development into your Health Plan
- Non-Payer Generated Data & Formulary Decision-Making: What's the Connection?

Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of the coming revolution! Nexus takes place Oct. 16-19 at the beautiful [Gaylord Texan](#) (pictured). [Register today!](#)



AMCP Foundation Research Symposium Keynoter: Well-Known Patient Advocate

The AMCP Foundation takes pride in presenting a wide range of stakeholder perspectives, including those outside of the managed care pharmacy arena. That is why the Foundation is delighted to feature **Alan Balch**, PhD, CEO of the Patient Advocate Foundation, at its 7th Annual Research Symposium: [Value-Based Health Care: Identifying Benefits for Patients, Providers & Payers](#).

Dr. Balch, who will deliver the keynote address, is ideally suited to examine the focus of this event: “the patient’s evolving role in health care, and how the value of care can be maximized for patients.”



As CEO, Dr. Balch oversees a national non-profit organization that serves as a liaison between the patient and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis. Dr. Balch has led numerous federal advocacy efforts at the legislative and regulatory level, including helping to organize and lead a coalition that successfully fought for regulatory improvements in the FDA’s review of cancer drugs. He also contributed key concepts and statutory language to important provisions in the Affordable Care Act. [Read more.](#)

Symposium check-in begins: 11:00 am
Symposium and luncheon: 11:30 am – 5:00 pm
Networking reception: 5:00-6:00 pm

The registration fee of \$245 includes lunch and a networking reception. The Oct. 16 event is part of AMCP Nexus 2017 in Dallas, Texas. For more information and to register, visit [here](#).



Sunrise Yoga: Start Your Nexus Day With a Sense of Wellness

The AMCP Foundation means well(ness): we have a charitable mission, and promote healthy choices. Nexus attendees can support medication-related education and research while taking part in physical

activity during the [Sunrise Yoga at AMCP Nexus](#). Due to popular demand, the Foundation has expanded to offer two classes for only \$15 each: Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18.



Comparing Payers and Hospital Providers: Trend for Pre-approval Information Requests to Support Formulary Decisions

AMCP has been advocating for pre-approval information exchange between payers and manufacturers to support budget and formulary planning in an era of robust drug pipelines with promising yet costly treatments. Payers are now reviewing products up to 12-24 months in advance of FDA approval. This trend has been acknowledged with recent proposed legislation and a FDA draft guidance. In 2016, research with payers using the AMCP eDossier System indicated an increased need for the earlier exchange of information between manufacturers and payers. In 2017, Dymaxium expanded the research to determine if the trend for pre-approval information requests to support formulary decision making is the same for hospital providers. [Read more](#).



Back to School? Gain Your Certificate in Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy

Fall is a perfect time to brush up on your knowledge and gain continuing education credits. The Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy Certificate Program provides a comprehensive introduction to basic concepts in managed care pharmacy. Previously presented live at AMCP meetings, it has been updated and repurposed as an online certificate program, with the help of key thought-leaders. Learners will explore key aspects of managed care pharmacy, including core fundamental modules and four focused content areas: Medicare Part D, Medicaid, and Quality Ratings. Pharmacists can earn a maximum of 15 contact hours (1.5 CEUs) of CPE credit for the Fundamentals of Managed Care Pharmacy Certificate online program. Visit <http://amcplearn.org/>.

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