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## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Science & Innovation Theater Webinar: Navigating Biosimilars - Case Studies in Inflammatory Diseases**

Approved for 1.0 hour CE for pharmacists, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and case managers.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2pm EST

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

### **Science & Innovation Theater Webinar: Diagnosis and Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder**

Webinar is intended for US payers.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2pm EST

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

 **AMCP MANAGED CARE & SPECIALTY PHARMACY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING 2018**

• APRIL 23-26  
• BOSTON CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER

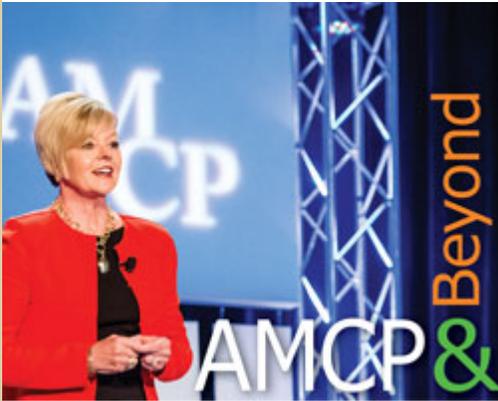


## Forum Identifies Opportunities to Improve Patient Financial Burden in Oncology and Shift to Value-Based Care Models



Experts representing managed care pharmacy, providers, patients, biopharmaceutical manufacturers and other stakeholders gathered last month to find solutions to the financial burden of oncology care on patients, while also improving cancer treatment outcomes and advancing the concept of value-based health care. AMCP held a Partnership Forum “Driving Value and Outcomes in Oncology” on Nov. 14 and 15 outside of Washington, D.C. More than 30 experts from across the country discussed topics such as the importance of greater cost transparency for patients, and the need for new quality and value measures. Participants suggested solutions to various factors that lead to patient financial burden in

oncology. They also reviewed the state of oncology quality measures and gaps, and identified specific considerations needed to measure value in cancer care. Read [more](#).

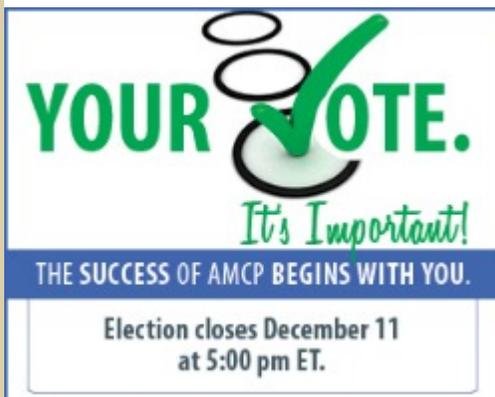


## The Strategic Planning Behind AMCP's New Strategic Plan

The Academy will soon unveil a new strategic plan to guide our organization over the next several years. As it's rolled out – more on that next month – I thought I would highlight some of the deliberations that went into developing the plan. The process started with a workshop of AMCP senior staff and volunteer leaders, as well as a few highly regarded outsiders, who examined factors affecting the demand for people and services to manage medication therapies. Our group took a clear-eyed look at all of the major trends affecting our profession, and how AMCP might leverage these to improve the Academy and better serve our members. Specifically, we looked at:

- The growing influence of patients and consumers;
- The burgeoning regulatory environment;
- Health care industry consolidation and business model innovation;
- The increasing challenges of the existing managed care model;
- The rising costs of Rx therapies and changes in drug development; and
- Data, technology, care integration, value and improving health outcomes.

[Read more](#)



## Vote Now: AMCP Elections Deadline Approaching Soon!

Don't forget to vote! Elections for the AMCP Board of Directors close on Dec. 11 at 5pm, EST.

Candidates for President-elect are **James Kenney** and **Dan Malone**. Candidates for three Director positions are **Deb (Sternaman) Curry**, **Pat Gleason**, **Deb Minich**, **Ken Schaecher**, **Craig Stern** and **Penny Surratt**.

To learn more about the candidates, please visit [www.amcp.org/election](http://www.amcp.org/election). Make your voice heard and vote your ballot today!



## Charles E. Barr Is Appointed Chief Science Officer of BBCIC

The Biologics and Biosimilars Collective Intelligence Consortium (BBCIC) is pleased to announce that Charles Barr, M.D., MPH, has been appointed Chief Science Officer (CSO). The BBCIC was convened by the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy in 2015 to address anticipated needs for post-marketed evidence generation for novel biologics, their corresponding biosimilars and other related products.

Dr. Barr's extensive research experience crosses industry, academia and medicine. His prior leadership roles have centered on both clinical trial and observational research projects, and have included the use of large patient registries and real world data. "BBCIC is honored to have someone of the caliber of Charlie to serve as our CSO," said Bernadette Eichelberger, Program Director of BBCIC. "His deep knowledge and experience with real-world outcomes research makes him the ideal leader to advance BBCIC's scientific and research mission." [Read more.](#)



## Cantrell Is Appointed to PQA Board of Directors

AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE has been appointed to the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) 2018-2019 Board of Directors. AMCP was a founding member of PQA in 2006, and has remained an active member organization. PQA promotes appropriate medication use and develops strategies for measuring and reporting performance information related to medications. Its more than 200 members include pharmacy providers, pharmacy benefit managers, health plans, academia, consumer advocates,

community pharmacies, health technology vendors, life sciences organizations, and other stakeholders. Read [more](#).



## Strategies to Move Forward With Value-Based Contracting Are Laid Out in Proceedings

AMCP has released a consensus document on value-based contracting that includes a key stakeholder definition of VBC along with strategies to implement the innovative payment model. The newly released proceedings of the [AMCP Partnership Forum, "Advancing Value-Based Contracting,"](#) addresses issues discussed at the June 2017 event, including:

- A definition of VBC for facilitating discussion with key policy makers, regulators and other stakeholders;
- Strategies for advancing development and utilization of performance benchmarks;
- Best practices in evaluating, implementing and monitoring VBCs; and
- Action plans to mitigate legal and regulatory barriers to VBCs.

Participants defined VBC: "A value-based contract is a written contractual agreement in which the payment terms for medication(s) or other health care technologies are tied to agreed-upon clinical circumstances, patient outcomes, or measures." One of greatest challenges with a VBC is selecting appropriate outcomes to measure and determining how much value to assign them. Read [more](#)



## AMCP Foundation Symposium Report: Stakeholders Express Multiple Perspectives of What Constitutes 'Value' in Delivery of Health Care

The AMCP Foundation has released a [comprehensive summary](#) of concepts of "value" examined at its recent research symposium on "Value-Based Health Care: Identifying Benefits for Patients, Providers and Payers." The event, held near Dallas, Texas, in October, examined perceptions of health care value from many stakeholder perspectives. What one considers "valuable" in any particular therapeutic intervention can vary widely between providers, patients and payers, the expert panelists noted.

"Fully understanding value in health care requires that we develop a standardized process for incorporating the patient perspective into health care decision-making at multiple points in their journey," said Alan Balch, CEO, Patient Advocate Foundation, who presented the keynote address.

Read [more](#). For more information on the Research Symposium, visit [www.amcp.org/2017Fdn\\_Symp/](http://www.amcp.org/2017Fdn_Symp/).



## CMS's Proposed Rule on Medicare Programs in Contract Year 2019 Incorporates Several AMCP Recommendations

AMCP has released a [summary](#) of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed rule titled "Medicare Program; Contract Year 2019 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage, Medicare Cost Plan, Medicare Fee-for-Service, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs, and the PACE Program." The proposed rule, released Nov. 16, amends regulations for Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D to implement provisions of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) and the 21st Century Cures Act. The 713-page proposed rule includes several major policy provisions that impact managed care pharmacy, both positively and negatively. Read [more](#).



## AMCP Staff Help at Capital Area Food Bank in 'Day of Service'

AMCP staff members spent the morning of Nov. 9 packing more than 400 boxes of food for needy families in Washington, D.C. The activity took place at the Capital Area Food Bank, the largest organization in the Washington metro area addressing hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease and obesity. The Food Bank helps 540,000 people each year get access to good, healthy food.



## AMCP Launches Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management

The Academy is proud to announce the launch of a new experiential program for student pharmacists in association and leadership management. The program, which is available as part of a pharmacy school's Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE), begins in May 2018 and will be held at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Student pharmacists will learn the fundamentals of association and

leadership management, including effective communication, education and advocacy. **Interested student pharmacists must submit an application by Dec. 15.** Final notifications for applicants will be sent via email no later than Jan. 15, 2018. For more information and to access the application, visit [here](#).



## AMCP Chapter Spotlight: The Ohio State

The Ohio State University AMCP Student Chapter recently hosted a week of events exposing students to non-traditional pharmacy roles in managed care and industry. The goal of these three events was to educate students and provide resources for them to get involved and potentially find a future career. For the first event, a panel of five students who recently completed summer internships described what it takes to apply, interview and be accepted by a summer internship program. The students interned at Janssen Scientific Affairs (Johnson & Johnson), Genentech, Pharcyclics (an Abbvie company), Incyte and BASF. Read [more](#).



## AMCP Foundation Along With Allergan, Genentech, Pfizer to Offer Nine Summer Internships

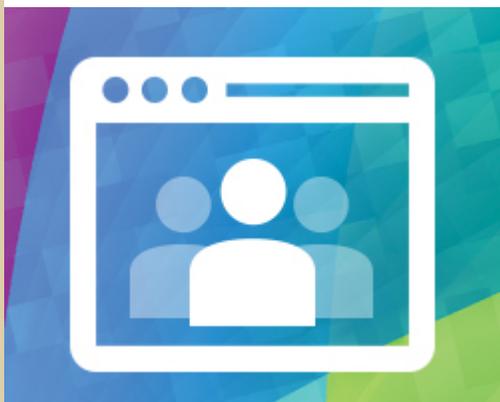
**Now Accepting Applications:** Are you a student pharmacist looking to develop a career in health outcomes, pharmacoeconomics, managed health care, pharmaceutical managed health care or non-profit/association? The AMCP Foundation, Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc. are teaming up to offer nine experiential learning opportunities next summer. The interns will spend time at Allergan, Genentech, Pfizer and AMCP/Foundation headquarters. All interns **also** will have the opportunity to learn about AMCP and Foundation via “virtual” preceptors before and after the summer program. The internships are open to student pharmacists enrolled in a full-time Doctor of Pharmacy degree in an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy during the 2016-2017 school year with anticipated graduation in 2018 or 2019. Complete program information, application deadlines, access to the online application and requests for reference letters can be found at [apply.amcpfoundation.org](http://apply.amcpfoundation.org). Visit our [website](#) and **apply by Friday, Jan. 19, 2018**. Questions? Email us: [contact@amcpfoundation.org](mailto:contact@amcpfoundation.org).

**#GivingTuesday: AMCP**



## Members Kickstart Season of Giving in Record Numbers

The AMCP Foundation raised more than \$3,400 during this year's #GivingTuesday fundraising campaign, surpassing last year's total of \$2,800. With 19 gifts, the Foundation nearly doubled the number of 2016 donations, and experienced generous support from AMCP Directors and Foundation Trustees. "We hope to keep this exciting momentum going all the way through December 31!" said Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, Executive Director, AMCP Foundation. "Every dollar given now helps us plan to expand research and student pharmacist activities in 2018." #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. It's celebrated each year the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. For more information and to submit a tax-deductible contribution now, visit [www.amcp.org/amcp-foundation/support/](http://www.amcp.org/amcp-foundation/support/).



## Webinar: How Payers Can Cope With Consequences of Accelerated Approval – U.S. vs. Global Experience

The U.S. health care market is shifting rapidly, with an increasing number of products receiving FDA accelerated approval. This process, with its use of surrogate endpoints, has created uncertainty for payers and HTA bodies when making coverage decisions. Leveraging lessons from abroad, there may be options that US payers have for coping with accelerated approval. For more information on this topic, join the AMCP webinar presented by Michael Drummond, PhD, and Elizabeth Sampsel, PharmD, on Jan. 11, 2018 at 2pm EDT: [click here](#).



## Online Learning: Applying Evidence from PROSPER Studies in Stroke Prevention & Care

AMCP is pleased to offer members access to a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) online learning program on the PROSPER studies to improve outcomes for patients with AF and stroke risk. The expert panel features a lead researcher and a patient-investigator on the PROSPER team;

clinicians who represent the interests of peers in primary care, cardiology, and pharmacy; and a nurse case manager, who addresses key issues in care coordination for ischemic stroke prevention and recovery. Five short companion videos feature focused discussions on specific applications of the unprecedented insights into anticoagulant medication use and patient-centered perspectives revealed through the PROSPER studies. This program is accredited for: Physicians & Physician Assistants (ACCME), Nurse Practitioners (AANP), Pharmacists (ACPE), Nurses (ANCC), and Case Managers (CCMC). For more information, visit [here](#).

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