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LOOKING AHEAD

How do payers utilize the AMCP eDossier System for pre-approval information and could it qualify as a safe harbor?
[Jan. 18, 2-3pm, ET](#)

Introduction to the Impact of Resistance in Hepatitis C
A Science & Innovation Theater Webinar sponsored, developed and presented by Abbvie
[Feb. 1, 2-3pm, ET](#)

Specialty Pharmaceutical Management for Physician Executives
Online Workshop #2: Employers and Specialty Pharmaceuticals
[Feb. 21, 1-2:30pm, ET](#)

AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2017
[March 27-30, 2017, Denver Colorado Convention Center](#)



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Health Care Change is Coming: Prepare by Attending the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting, March 27-30, in Denver

It's often said that the only constant in health care is change itself. At no other time in recent history has this been truer, with industry-shaking about-faces possibly just around the corner. That's why the upcoming AMCP [Annual Meeting](#) the last week of March is so crucial -- the one event in 2017 that brings together the voices of managed care pharmacy, health care and biopharmaceutical innovation to examine best practices and get ready for change.

"It's incumbent on us as managed care pharmacy practitioners to be as current as possible in our profession, and to understand how we fit into the larger health care ecosystem so we may help guide the changes ahead," says AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. "This year's Annual Meeting will give attendees the knowledge and tools needed to not only weather upcoming changes, but to actually succeed, both for their organizations and the patients they serve."



The meeting will come on the heels of a newly installed Trump Administration and GOP-controlled Congress, which have called for repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act (ACA). AMCP has scheduled a session on the Administration and Congress's plans for health policy changes. What will become of the ACA? What will happen with FDA user fee agreements? How will the Trump administration approach the challenge of soaring prescription drug prices? Washington insiders on both sides of the aisle will discuss what's occurred during the first 70 days of the Trump administration and what may lie ahead.

"The entire health care sector is grappling with how decisions made in Washington, D.C., could change the status quo of recent years," says Mary Jo Carden, AMCP Vice President of Government and Pharmacy Affairs. "Such considerations, and the impact any changes would have to patient medication therapy as well as how best to respond from a managed care pharmacy perspective, will overlay many of the discussions at this meeting." Read [more](#).



Members Elect Officers to AMCP Board of Directors; 2017-2018 Board Will Be Sworn in at Annual Meeting



The Academy is delighted to welcome four new members to the 2017-2018 AMCP Board of Directors. Results of this fall's election were announced last month. The new officers are (*pictured above from left*) President-Elect Mitzi Wasik, PharmD; Treasurer William H. Francis, RPh; and Directors Paul L. Jeffrey, PharmD; and Marissa Schlaifer, RPh, MS. All have a long affiliation with AMCP and are veteran practitioners of managed care pharmacy.

"AMCP is fortunate each year to have such a large pool of talented members who are willing to step into leadership positions," said AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE. "Their expertise helps guide AMCP on many levels, and their dedication has helped make AMCP into the thriving organization it is today. I look forward to working with the new members in the coming year."

The new officers, along with those continuing their service on the Board, will be sworn in on March 28 at the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2017 in Denver. Click [here](#) to read platform statements from the new officers.

PROCEEDINGS

AMCP Releases Consensus Recommendations Proposing the Creation of a Safe Harbor for Preapproval Information Exchange

AMCP has released a set of [consensus recommendations](#) to allow biopharmaceutical companies to proactively share clinical and economic information with population health decision makers on emerging therapies in advance of FDA approval, an area that is significantly restricted by current federal laws and FDA regulations. Over the past several years, population health decision makers have expressed a need for proactively receiving this information in advance of FDA approval, as long as appropriate safeguards were put into place to prevent this information from reaching unintended entities. The recommendations to enable Preapproval Information Exchange (PIE) stem from a recent AMCP partnership forum of stakeholders representing managed care, biopharmaceutical manufacturers, health economists, academia, providers, patients and others. Key among the recommendations is that a safe harbor be created for PIE to allow biopharmaceutical manufacturers to proactively share clinical and economic information about emerging therapies with population health decision makers at least 12-18 months prior to FDA approval to encourage better decision making. Read [more](#).



Creating PIE to Better Serve Patients

Let's imagine you're a big city mayor and it's time to order a new fleet of police cars for next year. Applying due diligence, you set out to compare various models from a variety of manufacturers. You'll want to look at new safety features and advanced technologies as well as basic vehicle specs, such as miles per gallon. And, of course, you want to know how much the vehicles will cost the city.

Now let's say all of this information is very difficult to obtain. Your staff has to send separate and specific requests regarding each item, i.e., the brakes, the bumpers, the windshields, the seatbelts, the MPG, and how much next year's models are expected to sell for. Complicating matters, you have to track down different executives to get each query answered...and if you forget to ask about the brakes, no one will tell you about the brakes!

Thankfully, researching automobiles is straightforward because manufacturers can proactively share this information with consumers on their websites, so you can do a side-by-side comparison. Not so with new pharmaceuticals coming to market. [Read more.](#)



Student Chapter Spotlight: University of California San Francisco



The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) AMCP Student Chapter held its 10th Annual Managed Care Roundtable in October, allowing students to network and hear from pharmacists with various roles in managed care.

The annual roundtable featured keynote speaker, Dr. Raulo Frear, the immediate Past President of AMCP and current West Region Medical Affairs Director for Merck. The evening highlighted the career paths and roles managed care pharmacists have taken and educated student pharmacists of the potential career opportunities within managed care. UCSF AMCP would like to thank all our managed care pharmacist attendees, including representatives from Genentech, Health Net, OptumRX, Blue Shield of California, Dohmen Life Science Services, Novartis, Amgen, Actelion, AstraZeneca, Otonomy, UC Davis Health, and Kaiser Permanente. The annual roundtable has been UCSF AMCP's biggest event of the year and continues to look forward to providing insight and education in managed care pharmacy to student pharmacists. Read more at AMCP's Student Pharmacist Center, www.amcp.org/studentcenter/



AMCP Foundation Seeks Student Pharmacists for Summer Internship Programs

The AMCP Foundation, Pfizer, Inc., and Allergan Plc are teaming up to offer 10 learning opportunities this summer. Allergan will host two interns in health outcomes research. And Pfizer will place a maximum of eight interns at managed care organizations and one at the Foundation (with a focus on research and nonprofit leadership). These 10-week programs help student pharmacists develop career plans in health outcomes, pharmacoconomics, managed health care, pharmaceutical manufacturing or non-profit/association management. The AMCP Foundation is seeking 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. Each program covers housing, travel and other approved expenses. Interns also receive a modest stipend. Visit our website and [apply by Jan. 27](#). If you have questions, please email at contact@amcpfoundation.org.

(Photo: Last year's Allergan interns with AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula Eichenbrenner)



AMCP Joins Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies to Educate Providers About Illegal Online Pharmacies

The Academy is proud to join 15 other national nonprofit health care organizations in raising awareness among the provider community of illegal online pharmacies and counterfeit medications. The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global) last month launched an education campaign to help inform the more than 6 million U.S. physicians, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants about the risks of their patients obtaining medications through illegal online sellers. According to ASOP Global, a recent review of more than 11,000 websites selling prescription drugs to U.S. consumers found that roughly 96 percent of sellers were in conflict with U.S. laws. The Alliance's www.BuySafeRx.pharmacy lets providers, patients and caregivers quickly verify whether an Internet pharmacy website is safe and legal. Read [more](#).



JMCP Launches New Express Publication Option for Authors

The *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy* (JMCP) is pleased to announce the launch of “Express EPub Ahead of Print,” a new service for authors wishing to have their accepted articles published electronically months before they appear in the print publication. Because this option is only available after an article is accepted, it has no influence on peer-review or the publication decision and allows JMCP to maintain the highest standards of review. Upon receiving the Express EPub request, JMCP editors will expedite the article for publication within five weeks on the JMCP website. It will then be assigned to a subsequent print issue in the journal’s normal queue. Time to print ranges between four to eight months, and varies based on article volume, themed issues and other factors. Read more [here](#), or visit www.imcp.org/expressepublish.



AMCP Members Can Tap Growing Number of Online Educational Opportunities

The Academy continues to expand its online educational offerings. New programs include:

Antiretroviral Therapy 2016-2017 — The Continuing Need for Individualized Therapy to Optimize Outcomes Among Diverse HIV Patients: In this course, a clinical pharmacist and managed care pharmacist use didactic information and illustrative cases to explore how formularies can be better managed to ensure delivery of optimal care for diverse patient populations. The program, co-provided by AMCP and Clinical Care Options, is offered free of charge. For more information, click [here](#).

IBD Therapies: Guidance for Managed Care Professionals: Developed through a strategic collaboration between AMCP and Medscape Education, the program provides perspective on the clinical and financial aspects of medical treatments for moderate to severe inflammatory bowel disease, which increasingly are centered around biologic agents. The program is designed for formulary decision-makers in health plans and PBMs. The program includes downloadable slides, and is CME/CPE certified for physicians and pharmacists. The program is offered free of charge; you will need a Medscape log-in to participate. For more information, click [here](#).



NEW: P&T PREP Sheets for Pipeline and New FDA Approved Drug Reviews

The P&T PREP Sheets located [here](#) are an interactive summary of evidence and value content for pipeline and new FDA-approved products in support of P&T formulary reviews. P&T Prep Sheets are anticipated to be available 12-18 months prior to approval; currently there are 14 available with 18 more products to be published within the next month. Examples of products with P&T PREP sheets currently available are arbaclofen, lixisenatide and insulin glargine, brodalumab, tetrotristat etiprate, and deutetrabenazine. Once the product is FDA approved, a PPT template is also made available to assist further with P&T preparation. This resource is generated in collaboration with Dymaxium P&T analysts, pharmacist review, and HEOR experts. Information is also provided through collaborative content providers: The Reimbursement Advisor, The Medical Letter, Advera Health Evidex, and DRG Fingertip Formulary.



Calling Volunteers: Education Session Moderators Needed at Annual Meeting

AMCP is seeking pre-registered member volunteers to moderate continuing pharmacy education (CPE) sessions during the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2017. Your participation is very valuable to the success of the meeting. Click [here](#) to complete the online application by Feb. 16.



New from AMCP: Trends in Pharmaceutical Drug Pricing Transparency in the US

Prescription drug pricing is now at the forefront of policy debates over health care affordability around the country. This owes in large part to a number of high profile drug pricing increases over the past year; increases which, alongside the accompanying media firestorms, have brought pharmaceutical pricing practices squarely into the spotlight. States and the federal government are both reacting strongly — 2016 saw a record number of policy initiatives aimed at curbing price increases and demanding financial explanations from manufacturers, health plans, and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), often under the guise of transparency. Nearly half the states saw bills to curb pharmaceutical pricing and increase transparency in 2016, with a large number of these states already taking

early and decisive action. The comprehensive report "[Trends in Pharmaceutical Drug Pricing Transparency](#)" is your resource for learning how and where these new policies may affect your business. This new e-book is now available in the [AMCP Store](#). AMCP Members receive a 20% discount off the list price. Order today!



AMCP Seeks Qualified Candidates to Fill Four Job Openings

AMCP is accepting applications for candidates to fill four openings. Click on each for a detailed description of the job:

- **[Vice President of Finance](#)**: Leads all financial management functions in the organization and is responsible for all financial matters for AMCP, the AMCP Foundation, and BBCIC, LLC.
- **[Director of Pharmacy Affairs](#)**: Responsible for leading and developing programs and projects to advance AMCP's professional and clinical initiatives that help to ensure affordability of medication benefits in public and private health care programs.
- **[Manager of Academic Affairs & New Practitioner Programs](#)**: Develops, implements, and manages the Academy's initiatives related to student pharmacists and new practitioner programs. The incumbent also participates in Pharmacy Affairs projects and initiatives to develop programs and resources for AMCP members and other stakeholders.
- **[Development & Communications Intern \(AMCP Foundation\)](#)**: Will learn best practices in non-profit management, cause marketing, philanthropy and business development. Networking and interacting with stakeholders within the charitable sector, and within managed care pharmacy, will be encouraged.

To apply for any of these positions, please email hr@amcp.org.



AMCP Foundation's 4th Annual 5k for the Future – Wednesday, March 29, City Park, Denver

Ready! Get Set! Go! The AMCP Foundation's 5K for the Future Run/Walk is coming to Denver. Make good on your New Year's resolution to get in shape. Take the 5K for the Future challenge and enjoy City Park's lovely landscaped acres and incredible views of the The Mile High City skyline and the Rocky Mountain Front Range. Can't participate in the 5K, but want to get involved? No problem! Here's how you can support our health and wellness initiative: Support a 5K participant. [Donate](#) securely online to support the run/walk, a participant or a team. NEW! Sleep-in for the For the Future! Select the "Sleep-In" option and we won't enroll you in the race – but you can still pick up a T-shirt at the Annual Meeting registration desk. AMCP Foundation 5K for the Future Run and Walk is supported by Alkermes, Inc. Get team competition information and the course map on our new website, run.amcpfoundation.org. Sign up when you [register](#) for the Annual Meeting 2017.



PQA Seeks Participants for Measures Development Teams and Panels

The Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) has openings for the 2017 Measures Development Teams (MDTs) and panels listed below. If you are interested in applying for any of these openings, please send an email with your MDT or panel of interest, bio, CV, previous work with PQA, and statement of qualifications to mcarden@amcp.org by Jan. 20. After reviewing applicants, AMCP will notify interested participants of the next steps in the application process. [Read more.](#)

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