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AMCP Foundation's Annual Symposium to Delve into Emerging Health Care Trends

"Wow---I didn't know that!" is likely to be a takeaway from attending presentations on emerging health care trends at the [AMCP Foundation's 8th Annual Research Symposium](#) on Oct. 22 in Orlando.

The event, held prior to AMCP Nexus 2018, will identify the biggest changes and potential disruptors facing health care today. The Symposium will present new findings from the [Foundation's ongoing research initiative](#), benchmarking the health services landscape around managed care pharmacy. Speakers and attendees will focus on trends related to drug pricing and spending; innovative and curative therapies; health coverage; big data and health IT; industry consolidation; and health care public policy.

The Foundation's findings were developed from extensive secondary and primary research, including in-depth personal interviews with key health care experts and a national survey sent to more than 4,000 individuals engaged in various sectors of managed care pharmacy.

An outstanding roster of speakers will address symposium attendees. Leading presentations will be keynoter **Reed V. Tuckson, MD** (*pictured*), noted contributor to various NIH initiatives and long-term chief medical affairs director of one of the nation's largest health care insurance companies. Author of "The Doctor in the Mirror," Dr. Tuckson has been included several times in Modern Healthcare Magazine's list of "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives," and is former Commissioner of Public Health for Washington, D.C.



Moderating the symposium presentations will be **Dr. Keith Sneed**, Dean, College of Pharmacy at University of South Florida in Tampa. Nationally recognized as a futurist in pharmaceutical care, Dean Sneed spearheads USF's focus on "Pharmacy of the Future," offering patients and students personalized utilization of advanced health technologies.

A major component of the symposium will be the release of research findings addressing emerging health care trends and factors that may disrupt stakeholders as they address these trends. The research was conducted by Xcenda AmerisourceBergen, under the direction of the AMCP Foundation. Additional presentations addressing Innovations in Care will be presented from the perspectives of: Physicians, Patient Needs & Concerns, Pharmacists, Health Plans, Pharmaceutical Manufactures, and Employers Perspectives.

Don't let time slip by before it's too late to register for this very informative program that can provide benefits with insights useful in your daily job. [Click here](#) now to register and learn more.



AMCP Partnership Forum Develops Roadmap for Managing Total Cost of Care by Integrating Medical and Pharmacy Data





Health information technology (IT) should be the foundation of all business and clinical operations and not a secondary byproduct. That was one conclusion reached by health care stakeholders at an AMCP Partnership Forum last month on finding ways to better integrate medical and pharmacy data. Health IT systems with integrated data can support more than cost containment efforts. Such systems can support actionable insights, clinical decision-making and more efficient business practices, according to the more than 30 health care experts from across the county who gathered for the AMCP Partnership Forum, “Managing Total Cost of Care Through Medical and Pharmacy Data Integration.” The event, held Sept. 25 and 26 in Baltimore, Maryland, examined ways to best utilize and integrate medical and pharmacy data to improve health outcomes and lower costs. [Read more](#)



CEO Blog: The Patient's Paramount Place

As managed care pharmacy professionals, we work to improve the lives of millions of people. But we also must never forget that behind these large numbers are individual patients. That's why the AMCP Foundation's latest [bridge report](#) on its initial Emerging Trends research rings so true. The article, "The Patient's Paramount Place: Emphasis on Empowerment, Engagement, Experience," raises many important points on how patient empowerment is crucial to the success of health care today. The underlying conclusion is that empowered patients may be more adherent to treatment, and their engaged role can contribute to an improved health care system. [Read more.](#)



New at Nexus 2018! AMCP Talks: Solutions for Value- Based Care

AMCP Nexus will present a new, innovative education opportunity that mixes short, focused presentations with interactive panel discussions. "AMCP Talks: Solutions for Value-Based Care" is a three-hour program on Thursday, Oct. 25th that will feature rapid-fire, timed presentations followed by a moderated panel discussion with audience participation. The program will focus on value-based care and potential solutions to the biggest challenges in implementing value-based care management and contracts. Specific topics will include:

- Unique contractual relationships to enable delivery of value-based care
- Examples of using data integration and analysis to track outcomes of care
- Strategies to engage patients in their care to optimize outcomes

Be sure to stick around in Orlando for this innovative new program! For more information, visit www.amcpmeetings.org and click on the Program tab, followed by Education Session Guide.



Join AMCP's New Member Market Insights Survey Program

AMCP is excited to announce a new benefit program — the Market Insights Survey Panel — where members who work for health plans and other payer organizations will be able to provide their perspective on a variety of health care topics,

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including chronic conditions, market dynamics and new products. If you are interested in joining this program, please visit <http://amcp.org/onlinepanel/> for details. Student pharmacists and members employed at pharmaceutical companies are not eligible at this time.



Call for 2018-19 Committee Member Volunteers Now Open!

Volunteers are the heart of AMCP's work! Because of the contributions of our volunteers, AMCP is able to provide research, tools and education--all so important to our members. 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 [here](#) by **November 9th!**



AMCP Offers Summary of Federal and State Drug Pricing Initiatives

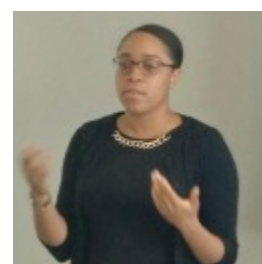
AMCP has compiled a comprehensive summary of recent actions aimed at drug pricing by the White House, Congress and the states. In 2017, the U.S. was projected to spend almost \$3.5 trillion dollars, or over \$10,000 dollars per person, on health care. CMS projects that, under current law, U.S. health expenditures will continue to increase, reaching an estimated \$5.7 trillion dollars by 2026. Prescription drug costs make up almost 10% of these expenditures. Research has revealed that, when appropriate, the exchange of branded medicines for generics and biosimilars is an effective strategy to facilitate market competition and reduce costs while ensuring delivery of consistent therapeutic outcomes. The Administration, Congress, and states are all focused on measures to support greater competition within the health care market to curb price increases. [Click here](#) to read full summary.



Student Pharmacists Complete APPE Rotation in Association & Leadership Management



Two student pharmacists recently completed the AMCP Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) Program in Association & Leadership Management. They are Adaeze Chukwuka of St. John's University (*right*), and Jasmine Inman of Howard University (*left*). Together the fourth-year pharmacy students developed and presented a program titled, "Medicare Options and Open Enrollment."



The five-week APPE rotation, located at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va., focuses on developing skills such as effective communication, education and advocacy. The AMCP APPE Intern Rotation application for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. If you are a student pharmacist thinking about your P4 rotations, consider coming to our headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Visit AMCP's [Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management](#) today! The deadline to apply is December 15, 2018.



Got an Idea for a Session at the 2019 AMCP Annual Meeting? Tell Us About It!

It's time to start thinking about what you want to present to 4,000 managed care professionals at the AMCP Annual Meeting 2019, taking place March 25-28 at the San Diego Convention Center. We invite proposals for continuing pharmacy education (CPE) sessions of 1.25 hours long (75 minutes). To accommodate introductions, housekeeping information, and some question and answer time, actual content should be 60 minutes. Review the [call submission guidelines and education topics](#) and visit the [Call for Proposals website](#). Proposals must be submitted by **11:59 pm, PT, Sunday, Oct. 14**. There can be no exceptions after this date. We look forward to seeing you in sunny San Diego! Please Note: The Call for Abstracts to be presented as posters in San Diego will open Oct. 10 and close Dec. 17. Watch for details later this fall.



Members in the News

Long-time AMCP member Terry Cothran, D.Ph., was selected to attend The Council of State Governments' Medicaid Leadership Academy, Sept. 26-28 in Washington, D.C. Thirty-three people, including legislators and regulators from 24 states and the District of Columbia and Northern Mariana Islands, attended the event that highlighted innovative programs in states that are improving health outcomes and reducing health care costs. Cothran, who currently serves on the AMCP Legislative and Regulatory Action Committee (LRAC) and is Immediate Past President of the Southwest AMCP, is Director of Pharmacy Management Consultants. (If you have achieved something notable, please send the item to nlearner@amcp.org. We'd love to feature you in our News & Views)



AMCP Diplomat Spotlight: Shuk Wai Chan, Touro University

AMCP Diplomats serve as a resource for managed care pharmacy information and opportunities at schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country. Diplomats also assist AMCP Student Chapters on projects and meetings. To learn more, visit

the Diplomat Center at www.amcp.org/diplomat. This month we feature **Shuk Wai Chan, PharmD**, AMCP Diplomat at Touro University. More spotlight features are available at www.amcp.org/diplomat_spotlight/.

How did you become involved in AMCP? I definitely joined in a very unconventional way – I was at a CE dinner and someone was recruiting for a Diplomat for a fairly new pharmacy school in the area, I was very interested in the opportunity to mentor next generation pharmacists who are interested in Managed Care so I volunteered! Of course, one of the requirements to be a Diplomat is to be an AMCP member – so here I am! [Read more.](#)



Chapter Spotlight: University of Utah



The University of Utah AMCP Chapter had the pleasure of meeting AMCP CEO Susan Cantrell at its first chapter meeting of the semester. She discussed various opportunities that AMCP provides student pharmacists, including AMCP Foundation Summer Internship opportunities and the new APPE Rotation in Association & Leadership Management at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, VA. She also got the chapter excited about the upcoming P&T Competition and encouraged us to get involved on the national level. Ten AMCP student chapter members also attended the AMCP Utah Affiliate meeting at Kimi's Chop & Oyster House in Salt Lake City, where Susan Cantrell and other panelists spoke about the Pharmaceutical Information Exchange (PIE) Act and its impact on manufacturers, payers, and AMCP. The PIE Act would allow manufacturers to proactively share certain clinical and economic information with health plans so they can make coverage decisions and get patients access to emerging therapies faster. AMCP is working diligently to get this bill passed by Congress. The panelists discussed specific questions from the audience, such as what information should be shared, who should present to health plans, and when this information should become accessible. It was a great panel discussion and a wonderful opportunity to network with AMCP professionals and enjoy great food. Thank you to Susan Cantrell, the panelists (including Diana Brixner, RPh, PhD, FAMCP; Jeffrey Dunn, PharmD, MBA; Eric Cannon, PharmD, FAMCP, and Julie Greely, PharmD), and the AMCP Utah Affiliate! For information on AMCP Student Chapters, visit www.amcp.org/chapters/.

ICER: Join the AMCP eDossier System Payer Discussion



The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) evaluates the clinical and economic value of prescription drugs, medical tests and other health care and health care delivery innovations. Recent research reveals that 62% of payers and other health care decision makers said that they did or would use ICER value frameworks as part of their formulary review, and they rated ICER's usefulness as a 3.7 out of 5. Join AMCP and Dymaxium for the payer focus group at AMCP Nexus 2018: ICER Reports and the Impact on the Formulary decision process – Payer Discussion on Oct. 24 at 7-8am EDT.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register today. We also look forward to seeing you at AMCP Nexus 2018 in Orlando at Booth #413! Haven't registered for the AMCP eDossier System? Free for all health care decision makers and payers at <https://amcp.edossiers.com>. And registered users are eligible to participate in and receive remuneration for current topics, product specific and/or formulary decision surveys. Login at <https://amcp.edossiers.com>. Or contact us at information@amcp.edossiers.com.



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