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The Current State of the Performance Measurement Landscape and the Impact on Managed Care
Thursday, Oct. 5, 2pm, EDT

[AMCP Members - Free AMCP Non-Members - \\$69](#)

Advancing Value-Based Contracting - Proceedings from the AMCP Partnership Forum

Wednesday, Oct, 11, 2pm, EDT

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

AMCP Nexus 2017

October 16-19, 2017, Dallas, TX

Gaylord Texan Hotel & Convention Center

www.amcpmeetings.org

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AMCP Board of Directors Election



Slate Announced! Electronic Ballots to be Emailed Oct. 25



The Academy is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the 2018-19 President-elect and Board of Directors election. Candidates for President-elect are **James Kenney** and **Dan Malone** (pictured). Candidates for three Director positions are **Deb (Sternaman) Curry, Pat Gleason, Deb Minich, Ken Schaecher, Craig Stern** and **Penny Surratt**.

You can meet the candidates during AMCP Nexus at the AMCP exhibit booth (#313) from 1:30pm-2:30pm on Oct. 18th in Dallas! Information about all of the candidates will be posted at www.amcp.org/election by Oct. 10.

Electronic ballots will be emailed to AMCP pharmacist, physician and nurse members (who were current as of Sept. 15, 2017) on Oct 25. To ensure that you receive communications and the election ballot from AMCP's partner Election Services, please be sure to add Election Services (@electionservicescorp.com) to your allowed email list.



AMCP Legislative Day Supports PIE Bill, Value-Based Contracting



AMCP members and staff last month participated in a targeted legislative day event on Capitol Hill designed to garner additional support for H.R. 2026, “Pharmaceutical Information Exchange Act of 2017” (PIE), and to introduce AMCP’s activities on value-based contracting (VBC).

The visits on Sept. 12 targeted lawmakers who expressed an interest in supporting the PIE legislation, and who hold key positions on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. AMCP Board members and other members who live in key Congressional districts participated in nearly 30 meetings.

Participants' discussion of VBC included the consensus definition created during a multi-stakeholder AMCP Partnership Forum, [Advancing Value-Based Contracting](#) held in June 2017. That definition states, “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.”

AMCP will be leading efforts to develop best practices for implementing VBC and supporting policy changes to the Anti-kickback Statute and certain federal pricing provisions to move VBC forward. AMCP will hold a webinar on the proceedings from the value-based contracting partnership forum on Oct. 11 from 2-3 pm EDT. This webinar is free to join and you can register [here](#).



CEO Blog: PIE Legislation Moves Steadily Forward

Health care reform historically has been one of the most contentious issues on Capitol Hill. The current fight to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is just the latest in a string of battles that reaches back many decades, including to the founding of Medicare and Medicaid. But not every major health care policy change generates as much heat as the ACA or Medicaid. The Academy is cautiously optimistic about the future of an important bill that would allow for more sharing of information on pharmaceuticals moving through the development pipeline. Read [more](#).



AMCP Board of Directors Seeks Input on Bylaw Amendments

The AMCP Board of Directors is recommending several amendments to the current AMCP Bylaws, and is seeking member comments by Dec 22. The proposed amendments can be found at www.amcp.org/bylawscomments.

The majority of the proposed amendments are administrative, such as changing the word “Corporation” to “AMCP” throughout the Bylaws, moving sections to more appropriate areas and simplifying or eliminating unnecessary language. Two proposed amendments are related to the replacement of Board officers and removal of Board of Director members, changes that are necessary to comply with the New Jersey Non-Profit Act (AMCP is incorporated in New Jersey and required to follow this Act). Another proposed amendment would transfer responsibility for chairing Board meetings from Immediate Past President to President. And the final amendment would disallow someone who has served as President to stand election for President-elect; however, it does not preclude the individual for standing election as Treasurer or Director.

Amendments are initiated and approved by the Board of Directors. All proposed amendments must go to the AMCP voting membership for a 90-day comment period before they are adopted. Please send comments via email ashaughnessy@amcp.org no later than 5pm (eastern) on Dec. 22. If you have questions, contact April Shaughnessy, AMCP Vice President of Governance, at ashaughnessy@amcp.org.

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AMCP Foundation Releases Update on Emerging Trends

The AMCP Foundation recently released "The Rx Affordability Crisis," the [second in a series of articles](#) bridging predictions from the Emerging Trends body of knowledge to current health care realities. The article focuses on spending and utilization of specialty pharmaceuticals, one of the AMCP Foundation's Top 10 Emerging Health Care Trends, as published in the 2014 landmark report.

This article updates developments in several important topic areas, including Specialty Trend Rises, but With Rays of Hope; Value-Based Formularies Rely on Comparative Effectiveness Research; Patient Affordability, A Growing Concern; Targeting Treatment for Better Value; and Cost Transparency a Major Issue.

Read "[The Rx Affordability Crisis](#)" and the previous article, "[Maximizing Value in Health Care](#)." Learn more about all [10 Emerging Trends](#).



AMCP Northwest Affiliate Holds Networking Meeting in Seattle



More than 90 AMCP members from Washington State, Idaho and California gathered last month in Seattle, Wash., for a networking and education event organized by the AMCP Northwest Affiliate. The program brought together student chapter members along with health plan, academia and industry partners. The evening started with a wine tasting event, followed by a presentation from Sean Sullivan, Dean of the University of Washington, School of Pharmacy. Sullivan led a lively discussion on current contracting and the future of value-based contracting.

AMCP News&Views would like to highlight other AMP Affiliate and Associate activities. Please contact nlearner@amcp.org.



Univ. of Minnesota Chapter Hosts Student Pharmacists At Midwest Regional Conference

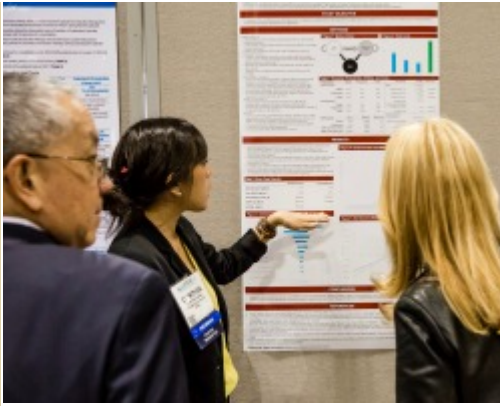
More than 50 student pharmacists from a half-dozen schools across the Midwest gathered last month in Minneapolis for a two day conference on “Present and Future Innovation in Pharmacy.”

The event, organized the University of Minnesota AMCP Student Chapter, featured 15 expert panelists covering topics such as understanding drug product lifecycle, complexity of formulary strategy decision making, bridging medical devices and

pharmacy, and the future of biologics and biosimilars. Kicking off the conference was Lynda Welage, PharmD, FCCP, Dean and Profession at the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy.



(Top image, l-r: Lauren Lyles, AMCP Manager of Pharmacy Affairs & New Practitioner Programs; Hans Shaw, Minnesota AMCP Student Chapter President; and Lynda Welage, Dean, University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy)



Visit Value-Based Health Care Poster Presentations at Nexus

The AMCP Foundation and the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy (JMCP)* jointly offered a new category for posters at AMCP Nexus 2017 based on the Foundation's Research Symposium: "**Value-Based Health Care: Identifying Benefits for Patients, Providers & Payers.**" Researchers were invited to submit abstracts on topics such as value frameworks, value-based insurance, patient-centered value, cost sharing, payment models and policy. Erin A. Ferries, PhD, received the AMCP Foundation Best Poster Award as well as a *JMCP* Platinum Ribbon for her abstract, "Medication Therapy Management Services and the Impact to Health Care Utilization." Her research will be featured during the Foundation Research Symposium, Monday, Oct. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Grapevine Ballroom C; and during the *JMCP* session "Will You Use My Data? Dialogue between Award-Winning Researchers & Formulary Decision-Makers," Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 8 a.m. in Grapevine Ballroom B. Please visit the value-based health care posters during author presentations in The Exchange at AMCP Nexus on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 12:00-2:45 p.m.



Join AMCP and Dymaxium Focus Groups at AMCP Nexus in Dallas!

Payers and manufacturers are invited to join two focus groups at Nexus 2017:

[Payer Financial Planning Challenges for Pipeline Drugs](#) – payers are invited to discuss pipeline drug financial planning challenges, including the need for budget impact models. Discussion will include the opportunity to continue the conversation amongst payer community peers through the AMCP eDossier System @FormularyDecisions.com®. If you are interested in joining the focus group, [click here](#). Take a brief survey for a \$5 Starbucks card [here](#).

[Payer Insights for Pharma on Pipeline Product Planning](#) – manufacturers are invited to engage with payer experts as they provide insight on formulary review information needed to support pipeline product evaluations, which include those for rare conditions. If you're interested in joining, [click here](#).

Foundation Announces Speaker Panels at Research Symposium



The AMCP Foundation's 7th annual research symposium, "Value-Based Health Care: Identifying Benefits for Patients, Providers and Payers" will feature a distinguished [assembly of speakers](#) representing health plans, payer organizations and patient groups, including experts from Texas. The panelists will seek to define "value" from the perspective of different stakeholders, with a particular focus on what patients value in their health care. The keynote address will be delivered by [Alan Balch](#), PhD, MS, a well-known patient advocate, followed by presentations and panel and audience discussions. These will be moderated by Clifford Goodman, PhD, MS, Senior Vice President and Director, Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research, The Lewin Group. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. and includes lunch, as well as a networking reception starting at 5 p.m. 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](#).



AMCP Seeks Proposals for Annual Meeting 2018 in Boston



AMCP is seeking proposals for continuing pharmacy education (CPE) sessions at the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2018, April 23-26, 2018, in Boston. Deadline for submitting proposals is Oct. 26. The Annual Meeting 2018 is expected to attract more than 4,000 health care professionals who are interested in information and issues viewed from a population perspective, rather than at the patient/practitioner level. CPE sessions will be 1.25 hours long (75 minutes). To accommodate introductions, housekeeping information, and some question and answer time, the actual content should be 60 minutes. CPE session proposals MUST focus on topics listed in the guidance in the following link, and proposed content should be appropriate for the specified education track. For details, [click here](#).

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