Building the Foundation for Patient-Reported Outcomes: Infrastructure and Methodologies
Welcome to the Academy of Manage Care Pharmacy’s (AMCP) Partnership Forum on Building the Foundation for Patient Reported Outcomes: Infrastructure and Methodologies.

This event is a follow-up to last year’s Forum on patient reported outcomes (PROs) and the role they can play in defining health-care value. Last year’s attendees achieved consensus on two overarching issues: (1) the importance of PROs in improving patient care and implementing value-based payment models, and (2) the need for strong organizational systems to fully adopt and use PROs in health care decision-making.

Our job now is to put these findings into practice by identifying specific methods and infrastructure around the ideal use of PROs in practice. Once again, we are fortunate to draw on a wide range of perspectives, with stakeholders representing patients, payers, providers, government, and biopharmaceutical companies. In light of the Food and Drug Administration’s plans to propose guidance on incorporating PROs in the regulatory process, our Forum will focus on:

- Describing the current state of using PROs for FDA regulatory and value-based coverage decisions;
- Defining a process for collecting and sharing PROs with the FDA and managed care organizations for value-based decisions;
- Identifying the necessary infrastructure needed to support the ideal use of PROs; and
- Identifying the health information technology strategies needed to support PRO use across managed care stakeholders.

From here, we will identify a path forward to implement Forum recommendations. Like all of AMCP’s Partnership Forums, this one has the potential to directly improve the U.S. health care system. I thank you for your participation and would like to thank our generous sponsors who helped make this event possible: Allergan, Amgen, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Merck, Novo Nordisk, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Sanofi, Takeda and Xcenda.

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Welcome and Introductions

Presentation


Panel Discussion

Current State of Incorporating PROs into Drug Development, Approval and Value-Based Contracting Coverage Decisions

- Reflections on FDA plans for implementing PRO provisions of 21st Century Cures Act (see Pre-Reading)
- Recommendations for the FDA, Life Science Companies and Managed Care Organizations

Breakout Session #1 (followed by 40-minute Report Out)

Describe a Streamlined Process for Collecting and Sharing PROs with FDA, Life Science Companies and Managed Care Organizations

- Describe a process for collecting PROs for drug development (i.e., confirming clinical endpoints) and reporting PROs to the FDA
- Describe a streamlined process for collecting PROs to support value-based contracting between managed care organizations and life science companies

Lunch / Panel Discussion

What Type of Infrastructure is Needed to Support the Ideal Use of PROs?

- Data Repositories
- Accessible EHR data (Health IT strategy)
- Patient engagement
- Manufacturer/Life Science Company research and initiatives
- Managed Care Organizations
Breakout Session #2 (followed by 20-minute Report Out and 15-minute Full Room Discussion)
Identifying Health IT Strategies to Support PRO Use Across Managed Care Stakeholders

- Table 1: Patient Engagement
- Table 2: Life Sciences Companies and Researchers
- Table 3: Managed Care Organizations
- Table 4: Healthcare Providers

Break

Breakout Session #3 (followed by 40-minute Report Out)
Creating a Plan to Promote Implementation of Forum Recommendations

- Identified next steps for each stakeholder
- Identify the role for AMCP
- Suggested partners for implementing Forum approaches
- Pilot/Project conceptualization

Forum Summary and Conclusions
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