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Educational Affairs Committee Plans Nexus 2019 Educational Sessions

Members of the Educational Affairs Committee gathered with AMCP staff last month in Alexandria, Va., to plan educational sessions for Nexus 2019 and discuss various issues such as AMCP's legislative priorities and accreditation standards for continuing pharmacy education. Committee Chairperson Jessica Daw noted that a strong educational session is one that proactively covers important issues facing managed care pharmacy or responds to developments in the news. Committee member Susanne Dudash agreed, adding that a good educational session requires a few simple ingredients: "a relevant topic and credible speakers." [AMCP Nexus 2019](#) takes place Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the Gaylord National Harbor, Maryland.

Cathy Carroll Fund Now Receiving Donations to Support Future Pharmacists



The managed care pharmacy community is invited to honor the memory of Cathy A. Carroll, PhD, MBA, BS Pharm, one of the profession's leading lights who passed away this spring. A former AMCP President, Cathy was a champion, a colleague, a mentor and a friend to thousands of people, from aspiring pharmacy students to established industry leaders, over her remarkable 35-plus year career. The AMCP Foundation has proudly [opened a memorial fund](#), with support of the Carroll family, to honor Cathy's legacy of interdisciplinary leadership and AMCP service. [Read more.](#)



Susan Cantrell Quoted in *Washington Post*

From the *Washington Post*: Insurers will want strong evidence that patients will benefit from the treatments, said Susan Cantrell, chief executive of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, which represents pharmacists who participate in managed care insurance. "The game has certainly changed" with the advent of hugely expensive, complex drugs, Cantrell said. "We can't afford to pay for things if they don't work." [Read the full article.](#)



AMCP Releases Concepts for Effective PA Practices

The AMCP Professional Practice Committee has developed nine concepts on the effective use of prior authorization (PA) that managed care organizations (MCO) can follow to ensure this important utilization management practice is timely, transparent, collaborative and supportive of patient-centered care. The concepts, along with best practices, are published in the June 2019 issue of *JMCP*. [Read the full report.](#)

EXCESSIVE SLEEPINESS IN OSA MAY PERSIST EVEN WITH AIRWAY TREATMENT.¹ COULD NEURONAL INJURY BE TO BLAME?

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Members Can Help Shape Latest Version of *Format for Formulary Submissions*



AMCP is seeking feedback on its latest update to the [Format for Formulary Submissions, Version 4.1](#), which aligns with recent [FDA Final Guidance](#) on communications of health care economic information (HCEI) on unapproved products. The draft *Format*, Version 4.1 explains how to present information and evidence throughout the continuous life-cycle of products in the following areas: pre-approval product dossier, post-approval product dossier, and unapproved indication dossier. [Please use the survey](#) to provide feedback by **June 17**. AMCP plans to release *Format*, Version 4.1 in late 2019.



AMCP Staff Activities

¶ [BBCIC](#) Executive Director **Cate Lockhart** presented at the ISPOR 2019 annual conference in New Orleans on what can be done to fulfill promise of biosimilars. ¶ **JMCP Editor-in-Chief Laura E. Happe** also presented on an ISPOR 2019 plan titled Replicable and Robust Database Evidence-What Does it Look Like? ¶ **AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell** joined an ISPOR 2019 panel discussion on health plan considerations for covering the growing number of orphan drugs. ¶ **Laura Happe** is featured in this [month's newsletter](#) of the University of Florida Online Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy Program. Happe joined the institution in February as Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor with the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy. *(image, Susan Cantrell listens to fellow panelist)*

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AMCP Foundation Welcomes 2019 Summer Interns: Read All About Them



The Foundation is pleased to once again team up with Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc., and Pfizer, Inc., to offer [summer internships](#) to some of the brightest student pharmacists in the country. The AMCP Foundation caught up with each intern recently to learn about their backgrounds and interests. Read about the 2019 [summer interns here](#). (Image, Aisha Fowler, one of the 2019 Pfizer Interns)



Diplomat Spotlight: Ryan Haynes

[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. This month, we are pleased to spotlight **Ryan Haynes**, MBA, RPh, Diplomat at the University of Wyoming. [Read more](#).



AMCP Student Chapter Graduates Wear Blue and White Graduation Chords

Congratulations to the entire 2019 pharmacy graduating class, including graduates of the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy (image)! AMCP now has 82 [Student Pharmacist Chapters](#) across the country. Former AMCP Student Pharmacist Committee Chair Sam Hong (far right) and other AMCP Student Chapter members proudly wear AMCP's blue and white graduation chords at the recent ceremony.



AMCP Offers New Educational Program on Building Teamwork in Psoriasis Treatment

AMCP has launched a new educational program in partnership with Medscape titled, Teamwork in Psoriasis: Helping Your Patient Get the Right Treatment. The program, led by **Lynsey Smith** (pictured), PharmD, Clinical Pharmacist at Kaiser

Permanente Northwest, is free and supported by an independent educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company. For more details and to participate, please [click here](#) (you will need to first sign up with Medscape).



HOPA and AMCP Host Value of Cancer Care Forum: Pharmacy's Call to Action

The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) and AMCP on June 18 will collaboratively host the [Value of Cancer Care Forum: Pharmacy's Call to Action](#). The full-day conference in Washington, D.C., is designed for pharmacists and other health care professionals to learn how to achieve better value in cancer care, including by increasing quality and reducing the financial burden of pharmaceutical treatments. Participants will receive 6.5 CPE credits. Registration is \$75.

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AMCP eDossier System @ FormularyDecisions.com is the premier cloud-based resource for the exchange of product information between biopharmaceutical companies and health care decision makers. With over 2500 products – including more than 225 pre-approval products – and more than 250,000 resource links, there isn't a better "one stop resource" for product evidence and information to support formulary and reimbursement decision making. And, as always, registration and access is free for health care decision makers! Since 2011, AMCP has collaborated with Dymaxium via their technology platform FormularyDecisions.com, home to the AMCP eDossier System. The collaboration has also expanded as the platform has integrated the AMCP PIE Webinar series to support pre-approval information exchange. In late May, Xcenda [announced](#) the acquisition of Dymaxium. AMCP looks forward to continuing to support the AMCP eDossier System in facilitating and improving the information exchange between health care decision makers and biopharmaceutical companies. To learn more or register, visit <https://amcp.edossiers.com>.

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