

# Not Happy with Pharmacy Research? Let's Build a List of Research Priorities Together!

AMCP Research Prioritization Initiative (RPI)



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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Examples of research priorities from stakeholders
- Discussion of AMCP Research Priorities Initiative and submission process
- Questions and discussions

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## Objectives

**At the end of this webinar, you will understand:**

- Why **your research topic suggestions** are important to our goal of defining managed care pharmacy research gaps.
- How you can contribute to the AMCP Research Prioritization Initiative (RPI) by **submitting your research suggestions**.
- The timeline and deliverables for the AMCP Research Prioritization Initiatives (RPI)

**Your live inputs are welcome!**

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# AMCP RPI Pharmaceutical Industry Perspective

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## Asking the right research questions

- **The most important part of the research process is asking the right questions**
- **IOM Comparative Effectiveness Research priorities – what did we learn?**
- **Where do the best questions come from?**
- **Medicaid Medical Directors:**
  - **What CER question were THEY interested in?**

## Examples to get you thinking ...

- **Medication adherence: Primary vs Secondary**
- **Who should be treated? (which subgroups)**
- **How do different pharmacy benefit designs impact ... adherence, patient outcomes, quality metrics?**
- **Which medication-related quality metrics need improvement? What can be done?**
- **How can vaccination rates be improved? Are patients using (free) preventive health services?**
- **What additional evidence is needed for FDA “breakthrough” drugs?**
- **Are there ways in which processes can be improved that can help managed care pharmacists work more efficiently and effectively?**

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## AMCP RPI MTM Perspective

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## More Examples To Get You Thinking: MTM

Examples of gaps identified by researchers at the University of Arizona Center for Health Outcomes and Pharmacoeconomic Research:

- MTM program outcomes
- MTM cost-effectiveness
- MTM return-on-investment
- Patient perspectives on MTM
- Transitions of care models

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## MTM Return on Investment

What is the impact of MTM services on overall healthcare costs?

- Nine years of program experience.
- More than 500,000 successful medication interventions.
- Numerous studies available to model cost impact.
- **Current Need**: Integration of medical data from managed care organizations.
- **Challenges**: Availability of data, resources to access and export data.

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## MTM Service Models

Do we know which patient populations do best with which method of delivery?

- Face to face
- Telephonic
- Videoconferencing
- Avatar (Project Red, Meet Louise)



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## MTM Documentation and Coding

How can we measure outcome if we aren't able to measure what services were provided?

- MTM programs and services vary across plans and programs.
- Delivery methods and intervention strategies are difficult without defined standards for all types of MTM services.
- Comparisons across services and program models are difficult due to lack of coding standards.

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# AMCP RPI Managed Care Pharmacy Perspective

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## Research Priorities - Select Examples

- Selection of appropriate patients for treatment
  - Hepatitis C treatment based on fibrosis level
- Appropriate Use of Drugs
  - Treatment of cystic fibrosis with new therapies (i.e., ivacaftor/lumacaftor)
  - H.P. Acthar gel
- Expedited approval pathways (e.g., Fast-Track, Breakthrough, Accelerated, Priority Review)

# AMCP Research Prioritization Initiative (RPI)

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## What Is the AMCP Research Priorities Initiative?

**Goal:** To inform the work of the AMCP Foundation, develop and implement a research prioritization process that results in an AMCP consensus statement on managed care pharmacy research priorities

**Scope:** To identify research gaps related to improving patient care drug-related outcomes, access to appropriate treatments, improving health of populations, and reducing per capita cost of health care

**Final Product:** The AMCP Research Priorities project will result in an AMCP consensus statement on managed care pharmacy research priorities for improving patient outcomes



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## AMCP's RPI Focus: Triple Aim

AMCP's Research Prioritization Initiative (RPI) will focus on research that supports the IHI's Triple Aim

### Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) Triple Aim

1. Improve patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction)
2. Improve population health
3. Reducing the per capita cost of health care

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## Why is Research Prioritization Needed?

**Setting research priorities helps in advancing the profession by:**

- Understanding the gaps in available information
- Providing guidance on the most vital and relevant research topics
- Gives support for your request for research funding

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## Examples of Other Research Prioritization Projects

**Several organizations have used research priorities setting to help advance their goals in the past:**

- Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
  - 360 researched project approved
  - \$671 million funded
  - 39 states with research funded
  
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ)
  - \$300 million awarded for projects which built on its existing collaborative and transparent Effective Health Care program
  
- IOM, CMS (CMMI grants), WHO

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## AMCP is Positioned to Prioritize Research Topics

- Managed care pharmacy has a lot of unanswered questions. And our members want the scientific evidence to answer these questions.
  
- Fortunately, managed care pharmacy has a lot of data. Useful evidence can be generated with rigorous and prioritized research.
  
- As an organization, AMCP needs to prioritize research topics and help address the most critical question/topics.

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Our prioritization process will result in an AMCP consensus statement on managed care pharmacy research priorities for improving patient outcomes.

**What Can You Do?**

Please submit a research topic for which there is a gap in research and that can help achieve the Triple Aim:

- Improve patient outcome and satisfaction
- Improve population health, and
- Reduce the cost of health care

Your research topic suggestions are vital to our goal of defining managed care pharmacy research gaps. While we cannot guarantee that every topic you nominate will be determined to be a priority, your nominations will help ensure that AMCP is addressing the concerns of our members and stakeholders.

Please submit one topic at a time, and fill out a new form for each new submission. There is no limit on the number of research topics which can be submitted. You can submit your research topic here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/amcpresearchpriorities>

Thank you in advance for helping to make the AMCP Research Priorities project a success.

If you have any questions, please contact [researchpriorities@amcp.org](mailto:researchpriorities@amcp.org).


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### AMCP Research Priorities Submission and Survey

**\* 1. Please submit your research question here. Remember to submit one question per survey response - you can submit multiple responses.**

**\* 2. Would you like to provide additional information about the research question above?**

Yes

No


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## AMCP Research Priorities Optional Survey



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### AMCP Research Priorities Submission and Survey

**Research Question Submission**

**3. Your research question relates to which of the following: (select all that apply)**

- Impact on health of individuals and populations
- The potential for new evidence to improve patient health, well-being, and the quality of care
- Inclusiveness of different populations
- Address current gaps in research and evidence
- Impact on health care system performance
- Potential to influence decision- making
- Affordability of care

Other (please specify)

**4. What potential does this research question have to improve patient outcomes, improve population health, and/ or reduce the cost of health care?**

## Next Steps

- We are collecting research priorities through end of December
- Prioritization of research questions will occur
- Information will be released at Annual Meeting

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## Questions and Discussions



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