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From the President's Desk

On behalf of the board,

I wish you and your family well. Our Panel Discussion Program "Covid-19 Pandemic on Healthcare System" in September was a success. The townhall meeting during Nexus also had a great turnout. We are extremely grateful to our panelists and guest speakers. We also received plenty of positive feedback from the participants. Thank you so much for your support. The upcoming winter programs include panel discussion replay, fun activities, and pipeline presentation. We will be accepting nomination soon for our next election. This is going to be a busy season.

Happy holidays!

Stay safe and healthy until we meet again!

Sincerely,

Daniel

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COVID-19 Updates

AMCP COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases have topped 11 million in the United States alone with more than 200,000 deaths. Recently, pharmaceutical companies have been releasing data regarding a potential coronavirus vaccine. Pfizer's early data shows a potential vaccine with more than 90% efficacy. Similarly, Moderna's early data shows a potential vaccine with more than 94% efficacy. See below for top headlines about COVID-19, managed care and more!

COVID-19 Top Headlines

- [Pfizer Early Data Shows Vaccine is More Than 90% Effective](#)
- [To Vaccine Against COVID-19, U.S. Enlists Pharmacy Chains](#)

CMS Resources for COVID-19 Response

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of a Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

FDA COVID-19 Announcements

- [FDA authorizes First COVID-19 Test for Self-Testing at Home](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19](#)

New York Times

- [Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker](#)

Calendar of Events

September 2020 Panel Discussion

Our panel discussion on September 22nd, 6:30pm EST, discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the healthcare landscape, the impact on Medicaid plans, the PBM perspective and much more!

AMCP Nexus 2020 Virtual Conference

Northeast AMCP held a fun and relaxing Affiliate meeting last month during AMCP Nexus. On Wednesday, October 21st NEAMCP came together for a night of laughter and trivia with board members and special guests including Jim Hopsicker, Susan Downard and Paul Jeffrey.

Upcoming Events

Encore Presentation: The COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on the Healthcare System

Join us on December 9th, 2020 for an encore presentation of our previously held COVID-10 event. This recorded event will be replayed for attendees followed by a live Q&A session.

Interested in Contributing to the Success of the Affiliate?

Nominations for President-Elect and Treasurer are being solicited.

If you are interested please respond to the nominations email for the NEAMCP Ballot going out on Dec 3rd and Dec 18th.

Thanks for your support and look to the email for further details.

Legislative Affairs

In August 2020, CMS issued a request for proposal regarding the implementation of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act. The SUPPORT Act requires electronic prescribing for Schedule II-V controlled substances beginning in 2021. This law also gives HHS the authority to impose penalties for noncompliance with this requirement.

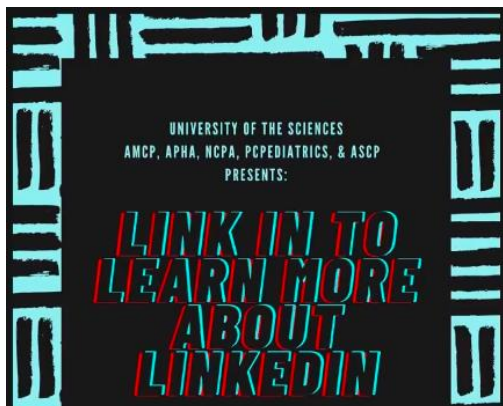
In September 2020, HHS issued guidance, which authorizes licensed pharmacists and registered pharmacy interns (under the supervision of a pharmacist) to order and administer the COVID-19 vaccine to patients above the age of three. This guideline, under the PREP Act also requires pharmacists to complete a minimum of two hours of continuing education credits pertaining to immunizations.

In addition, CMS published a proposed rule regarding national coverage of new, innovative medical devices to allow Medicare members faster access to these devices. The proposed rule would shorten the time for a member to receive National Medicare coverage of an innovative device.

In October 2020, The Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the Supreme Court case Rutledge vs. PCMA, which addresses access to affordable medications. Furthermore, it discusses the state of Arkansas' efforts to regulate what PBM's pay independent pharmacies for medications dispensed under commercial health plans. While the Justice Department advocated for Arkansas' policy, the Supreme Court seemed divided over the issue.

Student Chapter Update

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy (PCP) at the University of the Sciences is one of the up and coming student pharmacist organizations on campus. With the launch of a brand new pharmacy curriculum in fall of 2018, there has been an increased interest in managed care pharmacy. Pharmacy students on our campus are always looking for unique opportunities to engage in the profession, and PCP-AMCP is one of the many organizations students have started to explore and get involved in. The PCP-AMCP chapter has been enabling other students with the ability, network, and knowledge to be successful future pharmacists. Our chapter believes that pharmacists play a vital role in managed care and we want to make that known! We have accomplished this through virtual events throughout the semester. As chapter leaders, we encouraged our members and other students to attend the Northeast AMCP COVID-19 Panel in September. This panel provided students with insight on how pharmacists' workflow was affected and how they adapted to continue serving the patient population adequately.



Our biggest challenge as a chapter this Fall was to create virtual events that were interesting, informative and engaging. This certainly has not been an easy task, but with some extra time and effort during the summer months, our events have been largely successful despite COVID-19 setbacks.

This fall, PCP-AMCP kicked off the semester with a LinkedIn seminar to encourage students to create and enhance their professional profiles to effectively connect and network. We recently teamed up with another organization on campus to host a Managed Care Panel, featuring Alumnus and AMCP Northeast Secretary, Dr. Fatima Ali!

The information and advice provided by the passionate panelists expanded the understanding of the roles and responsibilities of managed care pharmacists. The event had a great turnout and aligned with one of our chapter's main mission to engage younger students and help them truly understand what this career path entails. We plan to have more speaker events in the future for students to learn more about Managed Care and gain insight on the many different paths that a pharmacist can take. Although we are currently a small pharmacy organization, we look forward to growing and implementing innovative measures to continue educating student pharmacists about managed care.

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Check us out on Social Media!

Getting the most up-to-date invites and information is easy! If you haven't already, be sure to follow both the new **@NEAMCP1** twitter page as well as the **AMCP Northeast Affiliate group on LinkedIn**. Chapter news and local events will be posted periodically and it is also a great way to connect with other individuals with similar interests.