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AMCP FLORIDA - PUERTO RICO

NEWSLETTER



**Shaping the
Future of
Managed Care
Pharmacy
GET READY TO
CELEBRATE IN SAN
DIEGO!**

NEXUS

SAN DIEGO, CA | OCT. 26-29, 2026

**Get ready for AMCP Nexus 2026,
bringing together nearly 3,000
managed care pharmacy
professionals from across the
country!**

**Nexus is an opportunity to learn
from industry leaders, connect
with fellow pharmacy
professionals, explore career
opportunities, and discover the
latest innovations shaping
managed care pharmacy.**

AMCP NEXUS 2026

WHAT'S IN STORE?

EDUCATION & CE

Explore educational sessions covering emerging trends, clinical innovation, real-world evidence, biosimilars, artificial intelligence, and more.

NETWORKING

Connect with pharmacy students, residents, fellows, practitioners, industry professionals, health plans, PBMs, and other leaders in managed care.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Discover opportunities to build your career through networking events, professional development, and conversations with employers and programs.

RESEARCH

Explore 400+ poster presentations highlighting research and innovations across managed care pharmacy.

FL-PR Affiliate Meeting

AMCP Florida-Puerto Rico affiliate meeting
Tuesday, October 27
5:00–6:00 PM

AMCP × GILEAD Student Pharmacy Program

FOSTER CITY, CA | SEPTEMBER 2026

The experience

The AMCP × Gilead Student Pharmacy Program brought pharmacy students to Gilead for three days of learning, conversations, and a firsthand look at careers in the pharmaceutical industry.

Inside Gilead

Students toured Gilead's Drug Product Pilot Plant and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Pilot Plant, seeing how research and manufacturing help bring therapies to patients.

Career pathways in focus

Pharmacists from more than six career areas shared how their work supports medicines throughout development and commercialization:

- Medical affairs
- Drug development
- Health economics and outcomes research
- Market access
- Regulatory affairs
- Commercial

Connections that last

Panel discussions, tours, and networking connected students with more than 20 industry professionals, alumni, and fellow student pharmacists. Students left with new perspectives on the many ways pharmacists contribute to patient care beyond traditional settings.



Thank you to the Gilead Sciences team, program hosts, speakers, fellows, and AMCP for creating a memorable learning and networking experience.

AMCP FLORIDA-PUERTO RICO DAY OF EDUCATION 2026

September 19, 2026 | Education • Policy • Innovation • Connection

The Day of Education connected the clinical pipeline with the policy, financing, and operational decisions that determine how therapies reach patients. Rather than treating innovation, cost, and access as separate issues, the program examined how they increasingly converge across formulary strategy, specialty pharmacy, employer benefits, and the medical and pharmacy benefits.

What was discussed?

The Day of Education explored how therapeutic innovation, policy change, and affordability pressures are reshaping managed care pharmacy. Discussions spanned the emerging drug pipeline, Medicare and Medicaid policy, evolving PBM models, specialty drug financing, and artificial intelligence across the medical and pharmacy benefits.

A recurring theme was the changing relationship between PBMs and their clients. While transparency remains important, conversations increasingly focused on flexibility and customization, allowing plan sponsors to align formularies, contracting, specialty strategies, and affordability programs with their specific needs.

Key takeaways for managed care

IRA and Medicare: The first negotiated Medicare prices took effect in 2026, with additional Part D drugs following in 2027 and Part B drugs entering negotiation beginning in 2028. Continued Part D redesign may also influence formulary and utilization management strategies.

Pipeline innovation: Watch continued expansion of GLP-1 therapies, specialty drugs, and cell and gene therapies, including high-cost treatments such as Feyuvi for MPS IIIA and emerging therapies for hemophilia.

Medicaid: Differences in program generosity, benefit design, and state priorities remain important considerations when evaluating access across Medicaid populations.

PBM evolution: The conversation is shifting from transparency alone toward greater client flexibility, including more choice in contracting, reimbursement, formulary, and specialty management approaches.

Specialty and AI: Alternative funding strategies and AI-enabled specialty management will remain areas to watch as organizations balance cost containment, operational efficiency, and patient access.

BY THE NUMBERS

5.75

CE hours

10.6%

2025 net drug spend growth

4.5–7.5%

forecast net price growth through 2030



Thank you to our speakers, attendees, sponsors, and partners for advancing managed care pharmacy across Florida and Puerto Rico!!

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR

AMCP NEXUS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are proud to recognize these outstanding individuals for their commitment to advancing managed care pharmacy and their dedication to the AMCP community.



Ronald Ramon
University of Florida



Nuona Li
University of Florida



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University of Florida



Berdith Lebrun
Nova Southeastern University



Britney A. Eugene
Nova Southeastern University

Student Corner

Tackling AMCP Nexus 2026

Student activities to prioritize:

- **Bridging the Competency Gap** | Tuesday, 10:15 to 11:15 AM | A career development session specifically for PharmD students
- **Residency Revealed** | Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:00 PM | Hear directly from current managed care pharmacy residents
- **Poster Presentations** | Tuesday and Wednesday | Explore current managed care research and connect with student pharmacists, residents, and practitioners
- **Student and New Practitioner Networking Event** | Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 PM | A dedicated opportunity to build connections with peers and early career professionals
- **AMCP Florida Puerto Rico Affiliate Meeting** | Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Connect with members from across the affiliate and stay involved beyond Nexus.
- **Residency and Fellowship Showcase** | Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00 PM | P4 students receive early entry, making this a key opportunity for students actively exploring postgraduate training.



Want to Be Featured?

Are you a student pharmacist??
Scan the QR code to sign up to
write for our next newsletter!!

**No writing experience needed-
just a passion for sharing!**

✗ Myth: "PBM transparency means plan sponsors will all move toward the same pharmacy benefit model."

✓ Fact: Greater transparency does not necessarily mean greater standardization. As PBM models evolve, employers and health plans are increasingly focused on flexibility, including how they approach formularies, rebates, reimbursement, specialty pharmacy, and member affordability.

Why this matters:

The PBM conversation is shifting from simply "What are we paying?" toward "What model best fits our population and priorities?"

Maximizing the Residency & Fellowship Showcase

Research before you arrive: Identify your priority programs and know what specifically interests you about each one

Go beyond the website: Ask about resident autonomy, mentorship, longitudinal projects, organizational exposure, and program culture.

Know your story: Have your elevator pitch ready!!

Assess your fit: Use conversations to understand whether each program aligns with your goals, learning style, and interests.

Follow up intentionally: Take quick notes after each conversation and use specific details to make your follow up meaningful.

Committee Information

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee continues to focus on enhancing student engagement and professional development across Florida chapters. Recent efforts have included supporting student-led initiatives, promoting involvement in national AMCP events, and creating opportunities for mentorship and leadership development.

Membership Committee

Our committee is excited about the ongoing growth of our chapter and is looking forward to more involvement from new and existing members. Don't forget to invite a friend to our upcoming events!

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is actively working to strengthen outreach and engagement through social media, newsletters, and digital content. Their goal is to highlight member achievements, promote events, and increase visibility of AMCP Florida initiatives. We are currently looking for more volunteers!

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has been instrumental in organizing successful events throughout the year, including educational programs, networking opportunities, and outreach initiatives.

Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee plays a vital role in keeping members informed on key policy developments impacting managed care pharmacy at both the state and national levels.



JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!

*If you are interested in joining any of the above committees,
please email us at florida@amcp.org*

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