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# AMCP Foundation **INSIGHTS**

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## Data in Innovating Cancer Care Is Focus of Research Symposium and Best Poster Podium Presentation

Leading oncology experts gathered recently at the [AMCP Foundation's 9th Annual Research Symposium](#) to discuss opportunities and challenges on how data can best be used to improve cancer care.

The event, held Oct. 29 in conjunction with AMCP Nexus 2019, included presentations on a wide range of topics, from new uses of data in drug development to enhancing the patient experience. The symposium also featured an AMCP Foundation Best Poster Award recognizing a senior investigator with the most outstanding abstract related to cancer and data. The podium presentation was in partnership with CVS Health and JMCP. Accepting the award was Stacey DeCosta Byfield, PhD, MPH, Director of Research, UnitedHealth Group Research and Development.



"The Foundation has a long history of presenting provocative viewpoints and insights into the crucial challenges facing health care today," said AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner, MBA, CAE. "This event was no exception."

"Our central commitment is to facilitate innovative research about the evolving health care environment," Eichenbrenner noted. "It is especially timely that we convene around cancer care, with 1.73 million new diagnoses annually in this country, a persistently high mortality rate, and nearly \$150 billion in health care expenditures related to oncology." [Learn more about the symposium.](#)

*(image: Breanna Popelar, PharmD, MS, discusses the Foundation's Trends in Health Care findings on expedited approvals)*

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## Foundation Awards Winners of Best Posters at Nexus 2019

With support from CVS Health, AMCP Foundation was thrilled to expand our [Best Poster Competition](#) and extend awards at AMCP Nexus 2019. In addition to the senior investigator award presented at the Research Symposium, we also recognized the [best posters by a student pharmacist and a graduate student](#). Nexus 2019 winners are: Amy Nguyen (*center left*), pharmacy student at St. John's University; and Mina Allo (*center right*), graduate student at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. (*image l-r: Alvah Stahlnecker (CVS Health), Mindy Messina (CVS Health), Amy Nguyen, Mina Allo, Amber Reinert, Laura Hapke*)



## Apply for 2020 Summer Internships

Applications are being accepted for [2020 Summer Internships](#). This could be your chance to participate in a hands-on learning experience with a health plan, pharmaceutical company, pharmacy benefit management company, employer group, public charity, or professional association. Nearly 200 student pharmacists have completed these summer programs since 1993.

**Deadline is Jan. 17, 2020.**  
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## Summer Interns Present Research Projects at Nexus

Congratulations to all [Foundation summer interns](#) who presented their original research at AMCP Nexus 2019. Each intern participating in summer programs sponsored by Allergan Plc, Genentech, Inc., and Pfizer, Inc. completed a capstone project, which they first presented at AMCP/Foundation headquarters over the summer and later in poster form at Nexus, Oct. 29–Nov. 1, in National Harbor, Md.

- [Pfizer intern](#) posters included research on diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue; value-based agreements; the impact of a narrow 90-day pharmacy network on drug utilization; the clinical and financial impact of downsizing refill care coordination in specialty pharmacy;



## Intern Alum Spotlight: Kai Yeung

*Over the past 26 years, nearly 200 student pharmacists have taken part in the Foundation's summer internship programs.*

**Name:** Kai Yeung, PharmD, PhD  
**Title:** Scientific Investigator I, Kaiser Permanente  
**Internship:** Foundation/Allergan Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes  
**Year:** 2008

the impact of real-time pharmacy benefits on improving adherence for circulatory system diseases; and barriers to inclusion of digital therapeutics on formulary.

- [Genentech intern](#) research centered on a targeted literature review on the impact of the oncology care model.
- [Allergan intern](#) research focused on real-world treatment patterns with CoolSculpting; and health care costs of major depressive disorder patients over multiple lines of therapy and major depressive episodes.

Kudos go out to Shyra Bias, this summer's Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care Research and Nonprofit Leadership Intern, for presenting her research on digital therapeutics to the AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees. Kudos also go out to Amy Hu, a Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care intern, for presenting her research on value-based agreements and payer size at the AMCP Corporate Council Meeting.

Kai Yeung, PharmD, PhD, is a pharmacist and pharmaceutical economist with expertise in patient medication-use behaviors, insurance design, and outcomes research. His objective is to develop and evaluate incentives to encourage high-value use of health care services. Dr. Yeung has conducted research evaluating policies focused on specialty drug access, value-based insurance design, the consequences of insurance switching, and financial incentives. [Read more.](#)



## Sock Drive to Help DC-Area Families

Thank you to all Nexus attendees who generously donated socks during the AMCP Foundation's Knock Your Socks Off drive. Socks are the most needed but least donated item to shelters. The Foundation has teamed up with [Volunteer Alexandria](#) to provide socks to families in need throughout the Washington, D.C., area, where AMCP and the Foundation are headquartered. Look for our next Knock Your Socks Off drive at AMCP 2020, April 21-24 in Houston, Texas.



## Get Ready for Giving Tuesday on Dec. 3

The Foundation is ready for the Giving Tuesday social media blitz on Dec. 3. Last year, more than 40 donors gave more than \$5,000 to the Foundation during this internationally recognized fundraising campaign. These funds are vital to helping us carry out our mission of conducting research into managed care pharmacy practices and providing educational activities for student pharmacists. You don't need to wait until Dec. 3. Visit our [giving website](#) to provide your donation.



## Plan to Volunteer!

Seeking AMCP members! Please consider giving your time and expertise by [volunteering with the Foundation](#) as a:

- [Poster Judge & Mentor](#)
- [Virtual Preceptor](#)
- [P&T Competition Judge](#)
- [Intern Application Reviewer](#)

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*  
- Jane Goodall



## Upcoming Events & Programs

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upcoming Foundation activities and programs:

- **Dec. 3:** Giving Tuesday
- **Dec. 10, 1pm ET:** Foundation 5K for the Future & Sunrise Yoga Registration opens for AMCP 2020
- **Dec. 31, 11:59pm:** Last chance to make your Foundation donation count for 2019
- **Jan. 16, 2020, 2-3pm ET:** Foundation Webinar on Research Symposium
- **Jan. 17, 2020:** Summer Internship Applications Deadline

making an investment in our mission and supporting our programs. Promote your brand, advance your research, fulfill your social responsibility, or engage in thought leadership with us. We some exciting sponsorship [opportunities at AMCP 2020:](#)

- Sock Drive
- Annual 5K for the Future
- P&T Competition
- General Event
- Sunrise Yoga

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