Developing Leaders, Enhancing Health

Improving patient health outcomes by developing managed care pharmacy leaders
Looking back...and moving forward

Shared values, collaboration, and growth summarize 2022 for AMCP Foundation. On behalf of our Trustees and staff, it is my pleasure to outline what success looked like for us. We focused our efforts on equipping managed care leaders with research and innovative practices to improve access to and value of care. Our achievements took form in a few ways:

**Grow Donor Outreach**
- Expanded our team and hired an Outreach & Development Coordinator.
- Implemented a new e-newsletter exclusively for our loyal donors, Your Impact in Action.

**Address Access to Care**
- Launched a disparities-themed internship to enhance health equity, a strategic priority held by both AMCP and AMCP Foundation.

**Spotlight Patient Inclusion**
- Assembled a patient perspectives panel for AMCP’s Virtual Summit on Health Disparities and launched a video series.

**Support Relevant Research**
- Published a manuscript in JMCP detailing research aims within health disparities and accelerated approvals, providing additional detail on important priorities within the AMCP and AMCP Foundation managed care pharmacy research agenda.
- Presented at numerous health care and scientific congresses.

Looking ahead to 2023, AMCP Foundation is exploring how we can further drive innovation. We’re experimenting with our competition models, reaching more schools of pharmacy than ever before and looking for new opportunities to support managed care change agents with relevant insights. Can you help us launch research grants to expand knowledge about interventions that enable access to medications? Do you have a network that would be interested in our health equity internship? Together, we can more effectively influence patient populations.

Gratefully and hopefully,

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Inspiring the Next Generation

Through immersive educational opportunities, the AMCP Foundation and our partners cultivate future leaders in managed care. Read on to learn about two programs that illustrate how we change lives by training future practitioners.

National Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Competition

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy took top honors in the 22nd Annual P&T Competition, with 64 schools across the country participating in the return to in-person event at AMCP 2022.

The P&T Competition mimics the process that health care decision makers follow when examining a new pharmaceutical product for placement on a formulary. Students collaborate in teams of three to four to prepare a drug monograph and related assignments. The 2022 case study simulated a review for Ponvory® (ponesimod) once-daily tablets. Using available evidence, the teams evaluated the product and presented their recommendations for formulary status and coverage criteria to a panel of judges representing a P&T committee.

Members of the 1st place team: Natalya Salganik, Katelyn Meyer, and Brandon Guo

We are deeply grateful to Executive Sponsor, Genentech for their support of this competition and the managed care pharmacy profession. The Foundation will also like to thank Supernus as a supporting sponsor. Finally, we thank Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for the use of the Ponvory dossier and Formulary Decisions for hosting AMCP eDossiers.

2022 Internships

For the first time since the pandemic, the AMCP Foundation internship program returned to an in-person setting. As a part of the structured ten-week internship programs, student pharmacists embedded with host sites were matched with virtual preceptors and presented capstone research projects at AMCP’s recent Nexus conference. The eight interns selected for were:

- AMCP Foundation/AbbVie Inc. Specialized Internship in Health Outcomes
  - Lauren Perez, University of New Mexico, College of Pharmacy
  - Albert Truong, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Pharmacy

- AMCP Foundation/Genentech, Inc. Evidence for Access Internship
  - Lucas Zhou, The University of Florida, College of Pharmacy (site: Humana)
  - Vy Do, The University of Florida, College of Pharmacy (site: CVS Health)

- AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Inc. Managed Care Oncology Internship
  - Avi Patel, The University of Florida, College of Pharmacy (site: Humana)
  - Cassidy Slater, The University of Florida, College of Pharmacy (site: CVS Health)

- AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Inc. Managed Care Internship
  - Nadia Aldahiri, Belmont University, College of Pharmacy (site: Independent Health)
  - Justin Chong, Purdue College of Pharmacy (site: Cigna HealthSpring)
  - Leena Jameleddin, University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy (site: Prime Therapeutics)
  - Allin Kalayjian, The University of Washington, School of Pharmacy (site: Prime Therapeutics)
  - Zachery Nunemaker, The University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy (site: Health Partners)
  - Courtney Smith, Ohio Northern University, Raabe College of Pharmacy (site: Horizon BCBS of NJ)

- AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Inc. Managed Care Research & Nonprofit Leadership Internship
  - Nikhil Bhatia, The University of Georgia, School of Pharmacy (site: AMCP Foundation)

- AMCP Foundation Internship Addressing Health Inequity
  - Zachary Brunko, University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy (site: Magellan Rx Management)
Spotlighting Innovation

2022 Steven G. Avey Award

The profession’s highest honor, the Avey award recognizes a managed care leader for sustained, exemplary and distinguished service to the practice of pharmacy. Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, exemplifies every facet of the award and is more than deserving of this honor.

Throughout his more than 30-year career, Dr. McClellan has been dedicated to addressing strategies and policy reforms to improve health care. As the former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Dr. McClellan played key roles in developing and implementing the Medicare prescription drug benefit, Medicare and Medicaid payment reforms, the FDA’s Critical Path Initiative, and public-private initiatives to develop better information on the quality and cost of care.

Before his current role as founding director and Robert J. Margolis, MD, professor of business, medicine, and policy at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, Dr. McClellan served as a senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution. Most recently, Dr. McClellan co-authored a roadmap outlining the steps needed for a comprehensive COVID-19 response and safe reopening of the U.S.

2022 Best Poster Winners

Best Student Pharmacist - AMCP Recipient
Trey Jones, PharmD Candidate, Navitus Health Solutions; “Effectiveness of Mail-to-Prescriber Letters to Facilitate Deprescribing of GLP-1 Agonist and DPP-4 Inhibitor Duplicate Therapy.”

Best Student Pharmacist - Nexus Recipient
Kathryn DeStefano, Rutgers University; “Analysis on the Effect of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs on Recovery Following Athletic Injury.”

Best Resident or Fellow - AMCP Recipient
Steven J. Fosnight, PharmD, Pharmacist Resident, Trellix RX; “The Impact of a Health System Specialty Pharmacy’s Role in Reducing Readmissions and Improving Access to Medication Among Heart Failure Patients.”

Best Resident or Fellow - Nexus Recipient
Howard Schmutz, University of Utah; “Real-World Healthcare Resource Utilization for Patients Who Utilize PReP HIV Therapy.”

Best Graduate Student - AMCP Recipient
Zahra Majd, PharmD, PhD Candidate, University of Houston College of Pharmacy; “A Motivational Interviewing Intervention To Improve Adherence to ACEI/ARBs Among Nonadherent Patients With Comorbid Hypertension and Diabetes.”

Best Graduate Student - Nexus Recipient
Matthew Dickson, University of Oklahoma, College of Pharmacy; “Hospitalization and Health Service Resource Utilization in Emergency Department Cases of Diabetic Foot Infections, a Nationally-Representative Analysis.”
Advancing Practice

Honoring Former AMCP CEO, Judy Cahill, and Managed Care Icon, Cathy Carroll

With this year’s passing of former AMCP CEO Judy Cahill, we at AMCP Foundation are reflecting on her and previously lost managed care icon Cathy Carroll’s impact on the profession. Your continued support of AMCP Foundation goes to preserving the vision they set out to realize.

Through the Judith A. Cahill Memorial Fund and the Cathy A. Carroll Memorial Fund, we will advance manage care pharmacy and honor their vision, including updating the Managed Care Concepts series and partnering with the Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy.

Examining Health Disparities from the Patient Perspective

AMCP Foundation remains committed to supporting AMCP’s strategic priority on addressing health disparities, so that outcomes for patients, families and communities are improved. I’m so proud of our partnership on this summer’s AMCP Virtual Summit on Health Disparities. Our AMCP Foundation session, Health Disparities from the Patient Perspective, was an important contribution to emphasize patient voices now – and for the next generation of managed care pharmacists.

Attendees heard from three powerful speakers:

- John M. Allen, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM, FCCP, associate dean for diversity, inclusion, & health equity and clinical associate professor at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.
- Kevin Wake, MS, CHW, president of the Uriel E. Owens Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Midwest.
- Hala Durrah, MTA, a patient family engagement consultant, nationally recognized advocate, and doctor of education student at Johns Hopkins University School of Education.
Demonstrating Good Citizenship

Every day, managed care pharmacists go above & beyond to make a difference in their community. The AMCP Foundation is proud to support their efforts.

AMCP Foundation 5K for the Future

The 5K for the Future was both virtual and in-person at the Nexus Conference in Maryland. Runners could complete a 3.1 mile course around Gaylord National Harbor or at their home.

First place female finisher at the in-person run was Rochelle Teva (yellow shirt in photo at right), her third year as race winner with a time of 21 minutes and 22.5 seconds. First place male finisher was Jason Lynch (white shirt in photo at left) with a time of 20 minutes and 42.4 seconds.

Spotlight on Volunteers: Joe Couto

Volunteers are important members of the AMCP Foundation team! Joseph Couto, PharmD, MBA, Executive Director of Specialty Program Evaluation and Outcomes at CVS Specialty, volunteered on the AMCP/AMCP Foundation Joint Research Committee, as he feels research is an important aspect of the work we do as managed care pharmacists.

He found the experience was fantastic as he served on the committee for six years in total, including three as vice chair and chair. It was a great way to convene research experience from health plans, PBM, academia, and pharmaceutical manufacturers and to identify areas of alignment and mutual interest. Through the committee’s work, he helped articulated a research agenda for managed care pharmacy. This research agenda encompasses “pillars” of high interest to our field, including several that are unique to managed care pharmacy. The committee remains focused on efforts to widen the evidence base in these priority areas, and to offer research mentorship with support from the managed care community.
Demonstrating Good Citizenship

Growing Our Team & Expanding Outreach

Donors are a priority to AMCP Foundation! In August 2022, we welcomed a new coordinator, outreach & development, Elene Wogedersgne, to boost donor engagement and communication.

“I want to take this opportunity to express how excited I am to be on the Foundation team. During my first month, I learned how impactful your contributions are to AMCP Foundation, and I realize it is not feasible to accomplish our mission without your support, so Thank You. I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you.” -Elene

Communicating donor impact is essential to cultivating trust among our supporters. Building on the exciting addition to our team, we implemented a new donor e-newsletter, Your Impact in Action.

Reaching New Heights in Donor Support

GivingTuesday kicked off our year end campaign. We exceeded our fundraising goal! Total raised: $16,778 against goal of $15,000. To top it off, we reached 1,000+ in 2022 for the first-time ever.

Commitment to Transparency: Charity Ratings

These rating systems underscore AMCP Foundation’s transparency and credibility and increase our reach to donors looking to give to a trustworthy charity. These websites are widely regarded for protecting donors from charity scams and alleged misconduct by providing unbiased and objective information. We have maintained our platinum seal with Guidestar for the last three years and recently joined Charity Navigator as an added measure of transparency.