



**AMCP Foundation's Research Symposium**  
***Access, Affordability and Adherence: Addressing Disparities in Medication Use***

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**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

- 12:00 PM                      Networking & Box Lunch
- 12:30 PM                      Welcome & Introductions    **Susan Cantrell, CEO, AMCP**
- 12:40 PM                      Overview of Symposium's Goals & Objectives  
Guidance for Building out the Roadmap to Address Disparities in Medication Use  
**Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD, CDCES, FADCES, Program Moderator**  
*Director, Center for Health Excellence, Quality, and Innovation at Purdue University*
- 12:55 PM – 1:35 PM    **A Fireside Chat: Promising Innovations, Continued Pain Points, and Needed Research to Measure Impact on Addressing Disparities in Medication Use**
- Moderator:**                      **Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD**
- Panelists:**                      **Rebekah Angove, PhD, Executive Vice President of Research and Evaluation, The Patient Advocate Foundation**  
**Marianne Fazen, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health**  
**Helen Kourlas, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Vice President, Pharmacy, Healthfirst**  
**Tripp Logan, PharmD, Vice President, SEMO Rx Pharmacies & Care Coordination**  
**Michael Manolakis, PharmD, PhD, Senior Vice President, Aon**

**Objectives:**

- *To share innovations in identifying and addressing disparities in medication use and focus on the barriers to scale these innovations and how they can be overcome;*
- *To discuss new and evolving roles for healthcare professionals, community health workers and health services researchers to collaborate with the payor community to demonstrate ROI for the roles they are taking to identify and mitigate social determinants of health and address disparities in access to needed therapies;*
- *To share the challenges of access and affordability through the lens of a payor, patient and employer benefits perspective and how they are addressing them in the short and medium term; and*
- *To discuss and share insights and potential solutions that significantly broaden access and improve affordability for high-cost therapies and drugs.*

**1:40 PM to 2:25 PM****Addressing Access & Affordability Challenges to Cell & Gene Therapies**

*Presenter/Moderator:* **Margaret Scott, MS, MPH, Principal, Avalere**

*Panelists:*

**Terry Cothran, DPh, Senior Pharmacy Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority**  
**Kimberly Lenz, PharmD, MBA, FAMCP, Chief Pharmacy Officer, MassHealth**  
**Mark Trusheim, MSc, Strategic Director, Center for Biomedical System Design, NEW DIGS**  
**Ashley Valentine, MSN, RN, Clinical Advisor, Sick Cells (invited)**

**Objectives:**

- *To discuss the impact on access and affordability with the varied approaches being used for cell and gene therapy coverage including value-based pricing, value-based outcomes contracts, warranties, subscription insurance models, installment payment arrangements, and a federal carve-out benefit program.*
- *To discuss the CMMI Cell and Gene Therapy model, and the impact that its roll-out might have on existing state Medicaid programs.*
- *To delineate new approaches to coverage of these therapies, including the development of shared risk pools.*

**2:30 PM to 2:50 PM                      NETWORKING BREAK**

**2:55 PM to 3:30 PM                      Keynote Session: Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy and Access in a Post-COVID Era**

*Presenter:                                      Todd Wolynn, MD, Vice President, Pediatric Associates  
The Public Good Projects (invited)*

***Background:***

Vaccination is a cornerstone of public health, but vaccine hesitancy poses significant challenges as highlighted during and following the COVID-19 pandemic. How we impact this hesitancy is a matter of fostering trust, promoting evidence-based vaccine recommendations, deploying community engagement initiatives and tapping into multiple levers including policy interventions, research, innovation, and technology to enhance vaccine uptake and ensure equitable access.

**3:35 PM to 4:20 PM                      Breakout Session #1**

**4:25 PM to 5:00 PM                      The Role of Charitable Pharmacies in Addressing Access and Affordability Challenges**

*Presenter:                                      Donney John, PharmD  
Executive Director, NOVA ScriptsCentral*

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM                      Networking Reception**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

**7:30 AM to 8:15 AM                      Networking Breakfast**

**8:15 AM to 8:30 AM                      Setting the Stage for Day 2 of the Research Symposium**

*Moderator: Jasmine Gonzalvo*

Highlights from Day 1, Outlook & Goals for Day 2:

Next steps in preparing a roadmap for critical next steps and stakeholder actions needed.

**8:30 AM to 9:15 AM                      Addressing Disparities in the Evidence-Based Use of Biomarker-Driven Precision Oncology**

***Background:***

Comprehensive tumor biomarker testing is a fundamental step in the selection of highly-effective molecularly driven therapies for a variety of solid tumors. While multiple factors are known

to impact health care disparities, access to and receipt of appropriate biomarker testing must be an attainable goal in order to ensure equal access to quality care.

**Co-presenters:** *Ira Klein, MD, MBA, FACP, Vice President, Medical Affairs, Payer Relations, Tempus*

*Lalan Wilfong, MD, Senior Vice President, Value Based Care, Thyme Care*

**9:15 AM to 9:30 AM** Q&A moderated by Cate Lockhart, Chief Science Officer at AMCP Research Institute

**9:30 AM to 10:10 AM** **The Impact of Pharmacy Closures on Access to Medicines: A look at the research and policy implications for underserved populations**

Pharmacies have long been considered a cornerstone of community health care, but they're closing in record numbers across the country. This session will explore the impact these closures are having, especially in medically underserved areas. Efforts to improve access to prescription drugs and pharmacist services have focused almost exclusively on reducing drug costs, but affordable medications are not easily accessible when a local pharmacy closes.

**Objectives:**

- Discuss the research and impact of pharmacy closures in low-income, rural and urban areas and whether and how such closures impact medication adherence and equitable pharmacy access.
- Delineate whether and how payment reforms, including increasing reimbursement rates for Medicaid and Medicare prescriptions are being used to protect pharmacies most at-risk for closure, specifically in urban areas, that may have an immediate impact on access for patients.
- Discuss potential policy solutions that may protect pharmacies in predominately black and Latinx communities that can be implemented to reduce disparities in access to pharmacies, pharmacist services and prescription medications.

**Presenter:** ***Dima Mazen Qato, PharmD, MPH, PhD***

Director, USC Program on Medicines and Public Health, USC  
Alfred Mann School of Pharmacy, Senior Fellow, USC  
Schaeffer Center

- 10:10 AM to 10:35 AM**      **A Case Study: The Impact of Pharmacy Closures in Rural Ohio**  
**Presenter: Dr. Stuart Beatty, PharmD, Dean,**  
**Ohio Northern University, College of Pharmacy**
- 10:40 AM – 11:25 AM**      **Addressing Disparities in Treatments for Patients with Diabetes: a panel discussion highlighting the intersection of policy, research, practice and patient needs.**
- Moderator:**                      ***Kristi Mitchell, MPH, Co-founder & CEO, Health Equity Outcomes***
- Panelists:**                      ***Christel Marchand Aprigliano, Patient Advocacy Champion***  
***Deanna Horner, PharmD, BCPS, SVP, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Waltz Health***  
***Michael Manolakis, PharmD, PhD, SVP, Aon***  
***Joshua Moore, PharmD, Pharmacy Director, MO HealthNet***  
***David Walton, CEO, T1D Exchange***
- 11:25 AM**                      **Networking Lunch**
- 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM**      **Breakout Session #2**
- 1:15 PM**                      **Conceptualizing Learning Networks and Next Steps to Keep the Momentum and the Dialogue Growing**
- Facilitators:*                      *Jasmine Gonzalvo and Mitzi Wasik*
- 2:00 PM**                      ***Acknowledgement, Appreciation and Adjournment***
- Laura Cranston, Strategic Consultant, AMCP Foundation*