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AMCP Partnership Forum Examines Role of IDNs in Value-Based Agreements



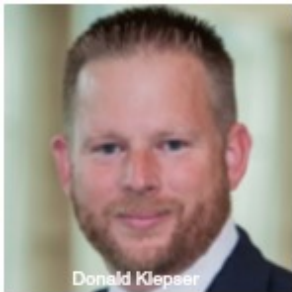
Health care stakeholders aiming to advance the concept of value-based care models should start with small, simple initiatives to help ease compliance and legal concerns, suggested attendees of a recent Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Partnership Forum on establishing value-based agreements for pharmaceuticals in integrated delivery networks (IDNs).

Maintaining a certain level of risk tolerance, as well as buy-in from top leadership, is important in moving value-based models forward, according to the more than 40 health care thought leaders attending the Nov. 13-14 event in Baltimore, Maryland. Attendees suggested starting with simple value-based agreements with clearly obtainable goals to allay risk concerns.

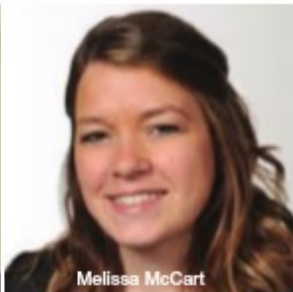
Value-based care models are designed to support payment based on improved outcomes rather than volume of care provided. AMCP has taken a leading role in advancing the concept, which has potential to improve quality of patient care and lower costs. Previous Partnership Forums have examined different aspects of value-based care. The November Partnership Forum explored issues around establishing value-based agreements between biopharmaceutical companies and IDNs. [Read more.](#)



JMCP Adds Two Editors in Response to Growing Number of Article Submissions



Donald Klepser



Melissa McCart

JMCP is pleased to announce the addition of two experienced managed care pharmacy experts to the publication's editorial team: **Donald Klepser**, PhD, MBA and **Melissa McCart**, PharmD, MS. The move addresses recent growth of the publication, which has seen author submissions increase by 20% during the past two years compared with the prior two-year period.

Klepser and McCart join existing assistant editors **Robert Navarro**, PharmD and **Karen Rascati**, RPh, PhD.

"I am delighted to welcome these two editors who have a long history with the journal," says JMCP Editor-in-Chief Laura E. Happe, PharmD, MPH. "Dr. Klepser has been on the editorial advisory board for four years, and Dr. McCart previously served as an interim Assistant Editor. Their respective expertise in pharmacy practice and outcomes research round out the skill sets JMCP's editorial staff." [Read more.](#)



Plan Now For Sunny San Diego! AMCP Annual Meeting Registration Is Open

Registration is now open for the AMCP Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting, to be held March 25-28 in San Diego! Visit the Annual Meeting website at www.amcpmeetings.org to register and learn all about the event. In addition, the call for abstracts at Annual Meeting 2019 is now open. Visit www.amcp.org/meetings/callforposters/ for details. All submissions must be received on or before Dec. 17, at 5:30 pm ET!

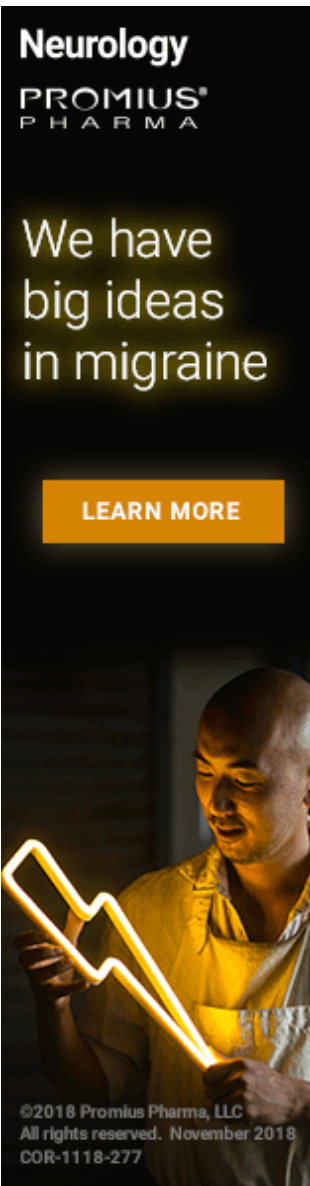
AMCP MANAGED CARE & SPECIALTY PHARMACY 2019 ANNUAL MEETING



AMCP Seeks Member Input on Recent CMS Proposals

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a flurry of proposed rules

recently that could affect the practice of managed care pharmacy. Many of them follow from the White House's May 2018 release of the American Patients First: [Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs](#), on which AMCP offered [comments](#) last summer. The new CMS proposed rules aim to promote drug price transparency and market-based competition as a means to lower costs and improve quality of care. AMCP will provide comment on the new proposals, and is now seeking member feedback to help inform the positions. Summaries of the new CMS proposals can be [found here](#).



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DEADLINE:
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Recognize Your Peers, Nominate an AMCP Member for the AMCP Awards Program!

Nominations are now being accepted for the AMCP Awards Program. This is your opportunity to nominate your peers or yourself for outstanding contribution and service to the Academy and the profession of managed care pharmacy. The following awards are accepting nominations:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Individual Contribution Award
- JMCP Award of Excellence
- Grassroots Advocacy Award
- Fellow (FAMCP) Program
- Spirit of Volunteerism Award
- Managed Care Residency Director/Preceptor Award



- Experiential Education Preceptor Award
- New Practitioner Award

[Click here](#) to submit your nominations or to learn more about these awards. **Deadline to submit is Dec. 14.** (image, Past President Diana Brixner [left] presents Distinguished Service Award to Dana McCormick at 2018 Annual Awards Dinner)



Diplomat Spotlight: Alison Handler, PharmD, RPh, Diplomat at Rutgers University

AMCP Diplomats serve as a resource for managed care pharmacy information and opportunities at schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country. Diplomats also assist AMCP Student Chapters on projects and meetings. To learn more, visit the Diplomat Center at www.amcp.org/diplomat. This month, we are pleased to spotlight **Alison Handler**, PharmD, RPh, Diplomat at Rutgers University.



How did you become involved in AMCP?

My engagement with AMCP first started when I was completing my non-traditional PharmD degree out of Nova Southeastern University. As part of program requirements, I had a research project to complete and it was accepted as a poster presentation at the AMCP annual meeting in Orlando FL in 2000. This was my first time attending an AMCP meeting and learning all about what the organization had to offer.

What interested you the most about managed care and ultimately led you to pursue a career in managed care pharmacy?

Managed care touches every aspect of pharmacy and healthcare. As a pharmacist, I enjoy the ability to have a broad focus and managed care also provides the ability to reach broader populations than a traditional retail pharmacist role that I had started out in. [Read more.](#)



Submissions for APPE Applications Are Now Being Accepted

AMCP is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiential Program (APPE) in Association & Leadership Management. This APPE rotation gives student pharmacists hands-on experience with association and leadership management practices, including effective communication, education and advocacy. APPE participants will have the opportunity to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the mission, vision, core values, organizational structure, and services of AMCP.
- Participate in strategic leadership meetings, both internal and external, including meetings on Capitol Hill.



- Identify and analyze high priority issues in managed care pharmacy, and help determine AMCP's role on these issues.
- Develop skills in verbal and written communication, information gathering, evaluation, and analysis for use in a future in managed care pharmacy.

(Image) Recent APPE student pharmacist Sarah Ofori, of East Tennessee State University, gives presentation on “Global Drug Pricing: An Overview of Prescription Drug Cost Management in Industrialized Countries.” Applications for the 2019-2020 program are **due Dec. 14** so apply now! Visit www.amcp.org/amcpappe/



Happy Holidays from AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees and Staff

As 2018 comes to a close, the AMCP Foundation reflects on the support of our donors, volunteers and funding partners. Thanks to you, we have delivered [timely research topics](#); immersive educational experiences in [managed care, industry and leadership](#); [awards in research](#), [formulary management](#), and [distinguished service to managed care](#); as well as [community outreach](#) and [health & wellness](#) activities for all AMCP Meeting attendees. Future planning is in full swing, so let's continue that momentum together! We hope the Foundation is on your list for year-end giving and a part of your New Year resolution. Here are a few ways to contribute and check off your list: [volunteer](#), [donate](#), [sponsor](#), or [support](#) a program. Visit our website, www.amcpfoundation.org, and find the right opportunity for you. Happy Holidays from the AMCP Foundation Board of Trustees and staff.



Payers Using the AMCP eDossier System find Value Frameworks useful in Product Reviews

As the US shifts from fee-for-service to value-based payments, value frameworks have emerged and have been adopted by payers and other decision makers to assist with measuring health care value and to support reimbursement and coverage decisions. Use of value frameworks within the AMCP eDossier System has increased over the past 6 months, with ICER usage increasing over 50% (ICER activity has increased more than 60% annually from 2016 to 2018). Recent research with the FormularyDecisions.com® decision maker community (N=362) identified the most common value frameworks used for product evaluations as ICER (65%), NCCN (15%), ASCO (8%) and AHA (6%). Decision makers also rated the usefulness of these same frameworks highly- rating each 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5). [Click here is you are interested in the November FormularyDecisions.com® Focus Report: Payer use of ICER Reports' as part of the their coverage decisions.](#) *Haven't registered for the AMCP eDossier System?* The system is free for all health care decision makers and payers! Registered users are eligible for NEW DecisionMaker Rewards and can participate in and receive remuneration for surveys on product, market and decision-based topics. Login at amcp.edossiers.com or for more info: information@amcp.edossiers.com.

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