



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

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: Trained Trusted Messengers: the Antidote to Vaccine Disinformation and Deteriorating Vaccination Rates

Presenter:

Todd Wolynn, MD, MMM, Executive Director, Trusted Messenger Program - Public Good Projects

Session Description:

Vaccination is a cornerstone of public health, yet continuous disinformation campaigns target and erode vaccine confidence. The COVID-19 pandemic, co-opted by the anti-vaccine industry, has significantly further degraded vaccine acceptance and coverage rates. 'Trusted Messengers' trained in communication best-practices are the antidote to this problem; they are the best way to drive evidence-based health decisions that result in improved quality outcomes across all patient populations.

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 Scripts Central*

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 9:10 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

9:10 AM to 9:20 AM Q&A moderated by Norris Turner, PharmD, PhD, President & CEO, Turner Healthcare Quality (THCQ) Consulting, Inc.

9:25 AM to 10:00 AM **The Impact of Pharmacy Closures on Access to Medicines: A look at the research and policy implications for underserved populations (*pre-recorded session*)**

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

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM **A Case Study: The Impact of Pharmacy Closures in Rural Ohio**

Presenter: **Dr. Stuart Beatty, PharmD, Dean**
Ohio Northern University, College of Pharmacy

10:35 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, MS, Patient Advocacy Consultant**
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