

# Health Optimization 2.0: Equity Through Innovation December 2–3, 2025 | Sheraton Dallas | Dallas, TX

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## **Tuesday, December 2**

# **Understanding Disparities & Laying the Groundwork**

12:00-12:30PM Networking & Box Lunch

12:30-12:45 PM

**Welcome & Introductions - Framing the Conference Goals and Themes** 

Speaker: Susan Cantrell, CEO, AMCP

12:45-1:30 PM

**Keynote: Medication Access and Equity: A Health Plan Perspective** 

#### Panelists:

- Ryan Steadman, Senior Vice President, Pharmacy, CareSource
- Annie Schuster, Senior Director, Medicare Clinical Pharmacy Programs, Health Care Service Corporation

#### 1:30-2:30PM

Pharmacoequity in Precision Medicine—Bridging Disparities for Managed Care Overview of Landscape

**Moderator:** Cate Lockhart, Chief Science Officer, AMCP Research Institute (ARI) & Executive Director, BBCIC

#### Panelists:

- Pam Pawloski, Principal Research Scientist, ARI
- Cleo Ryals, Senior Director, Research Sciences, Head of Health Equity Research, Flatiron Health

# 2:30-2:45PM NETWORKING BREAK

2:45-4:00M

Community at the Crossroads: Navigating Vaccine Hesitancy and Health Equity

**Moderator:** Cate Lockhart, Chief Science Officer, AMCP Research Institute (ARI) & Executive Director, BBCIC

#### **Presenters:**

- RoxAnn Dominguez, CEO, Texas Pharmacy Association
- Ria Westergaard, Head of Clinical Trial & RWE Solutions, Evernorth Health Services
- Rekha Lakshmanan, Chief Strategy Officer, The Immunization Partnership

4:00-4:45 PM
Breakout #1
Precision Medicine/Vaccines

4:45-5:00 PM Wrap-up

5:00-6:30 PM Networking Reception



## Wednesday, December 3

# **Driving Solutions & Shaping the Future**

7:30-8:30 AM

**Networking Breakfast** 

8:30-9:15 AM

Listening, Learning, Leading: Transforming MS Care Through Patient Experience and Health Equity

Moderator: Dana McCormick, Director, Practice Strategy & Innovation, AMCP

#### Panelists:

- Blair Burleson, Owner/President, MS Looks Like Me
- Dallas Burleson, Vice President, MS Looks Like Me
- Dr. Annette F. Okai, MD, FAAN

9:15-10:00 AM

Seeing the Unseen: Harnessing Al and Data to Uncover Health Disparities

Speaker: Ian Smith, Actuarial Senior Director, Optum

10:00-10:15

**NETWORKING BREAK** 

10:15-10:45 AM

The Education Gap is the Equity Gap: Using Data and SDOH to Empower Smarter Health Decisions: Where Analytics Meet Awareness—and Knowledge Becomes Care

Speaker: Renarda Jones, CEO & Business Development Director, PSyn, Inc.

10:45-11:15 PM

**Equity by Design: Mitigating Health Disparities in AI Accreditation Standards** 

Speaker: Shawn Griffin, President & CEO, URAC

11:15-12:00 PM Breakout #2 Data/AI/MS

12:00 PM-12:45 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

12:45-1:45 PM

Panel Discussion: Legislative Impacts on Access & Affordability

Moderator: Kim Caldwell, Principal, Texas Star Healthcare Consulting, LLC

### Panelists:

• Melissa Andel, Principal, CommonHealth Solutions, LLC

• Ellen Verzino, Sr. Vice President, Pharmacy Consulting Director, Lockton

1:45-2:00 PM From Insights to Action

Speaker: Mitzi Wasik, Executive Director, AMCP Foundation