From the President's Desk

Welcome to the new school year, and the new opportunities for you to become more involved in the Northeast AMCP (NEAMCP) affiliation. We continue to grow our educational opportunities and networking capabilities within our region. As a matter of fact, at the April AMCP Annual Conference in Boston, we had over 100 pharmacy professionals attend our NEAMCP reception. It was great to see so many folks meeting and catching up with friends and colleagues.

As you will notice on the last page, we have a number of new board members that I am excited to have supporting our chapter’s efforts. We have had excellent leadership in the past, and I want to say thank you to our new Past President, Jim Hopsicker, for all of his hard work and efforts, especially towards bringing AMCP awareness forward to our student chapters within the region. Additionally, we couldn’t have done what we did over the last couple of years without our past presidents, Chris Dube and Arlene Price, and our past officers Niyati Vakil and Jennifer Baird. Thank you ALL for your care, concern and time to the NEAMCP affiliation. Behind the scenes, we also have Susan Noell and Betty Whitaker to thank, as they keep us moving in the right direction under the AMCP guidance. ... It truly takes a village (or at least a “sports” team to serve our 9 state chapter)!! 😊

We are excited about what is shaping up to be a strong year of relevant and interesting educational programs, of which we started in June with a well-received program on Gene Therapy and Genetic Disease. The future development in this area is quite intriguing! The rest of 2018’s sessions are already planned, and we are well on our way to having 2019 programs scheduled. Based on popular request, we will be bringing the NEAMCP membership a CE program this year! We hope this will be something we can continue to accommodate in the coming years. Your attendance to these programs, be it in-person at our many different host locations throughout the northeast, or via web-conference phone-ins, lets us know these continue to be important to you all. You will also note in this newsletter that we are partnering stronger with our Legislative Affairs Team, as there are so many different issues coming out that affect Managed Care that need our voices.

As I move forward in my Presidency, I hope to continue to bring the great things the others have already started, and add in new services that you, our membership, ask us for. Please keep your thoughts and ideas coming our way, and we will keep on listening and building on those items that help to emphasize the practice of Managed Care pharmacy. To also support this, if there is anyone out there interested in helping to bring additional programs to our membership, please reach out to me or any of the board members to talk about opportunities. My philosophy has always been “The More the Merrier!” ... just ask anyone who knows me, and they’ll confirm, that from my perspective it’s all about working together as a team, to build a better, happier profession and world!! 😊

And speaking of happier, Please Join your NEAMCP Board and other colleagues at a reception we will be hosting on Tuesday, October 23 – 6:30-8:30pm in the Atlanta Room at Orlando’s World Marriott.

With Cheer – Linda

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Calendar of Events

October 23, 2018, 6:30pm – Atlanta Room: NEAMCP Chapter Reception, Nexus Meeting in Orlando, FL (Date/time subject to change)
November 13, 2018, 6:00pm: Pharmacist’s Role in Opioid Prescription Management: Ensuring Access While Reducing Risk (educational session)
January 2019 (date and time TBD): Precision Medicine in Oncology (educational session)

Our last event, “Medical Pharmacy: Managing the Trends and Complexity of Provider-Administered Drugs”, sponsored by Magellan Rx, took place on Sept. 12, 2018. If you have any suggestions about this program or future programming, please contact NEAMCP. For information on “Future Events and Activities” please go to www.amcp.org/northeast.

Legislative Affairs

AMCP is looking for members from the Northeast Affiliate to volunteer to be a State Advocacy Coordinator (S.A.C). These volunteers are our go-to members to educate legislators, stakeholder organizations, and other AMCP members on our advocacy efforts both in their state and on the federal level. Currently in the Northeast, AMCP has a S.A.C. in Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. We still need volunteers in Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont! States can have more than one S.A.C., so if you are interested and there is already a S.A.C. listed for that state, please contact us. If you would like more information on becoming an S.A.C., please go to the following website to see the application and role of a S.A.C., as well as which states are needed: http://amcp.org/sac/

Thank you for considering this opportunity and if you have any questions, feel free to email Elisabeth Brisley, State Legislative Analyst at: ebrisley@amcp.org.

Help set the course for AMCP’s Legislative & Regulatory work!

The AMCP 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Policy and Advocacy Focus Areas Survey’s goal is to obtain feedback from our members that will help shape the work of AMCP. Your opinion and expertise are critical as we plan for the coming year.

The survey should not take more than 5 minutes and we appreciate you taking the time to complete it today. All those who complete the survey will have their name entered into a drawing to win one of two $250 gift cards.

Take the survey now: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W5WLYM9

Student Chapter Update

Albany College of Pharmacy’s AMCP Student Chapter is proud to provide opportunities ranging from networking events to community service. We strive to educate fellow students about the opportunities within managed care and the career options available to them.

One of our greatest successes over the past year was a Career Panel that we hosted. By bringing in pharmacists from numerous fields, we were able to not only increase interest in managed care, but also to provide students with a glimpse into potential areas of interest. Not only did this provide students an opportunity to learn, but it also allowed them to introduce themselves and make contacts that they may find useful in their futures.

Additionally, our members participated in a program to assist Medicare part D eligible patients in selecting the

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best plan for them. Students were able to become more familiar with the process and had the opportunity to see some of the challenges patients may face in selecting a policy, all while providing a much-needed service to the elderly population in the capital district.

As part of our public health outreach, we held an asthma clinic in which members provided important education to children with asthma and their parents. Unfortunately, our chapter has been unable to send a student to national meetings, however, we do hope to fundraise in order to provide this opportunity to our students. We hope to continue many of our existing programs, in addition to implementing new programs involving both our students and the community, as well as continuing our several community service outreach events.

Lane Anson, Patient Care Project Chair - AMCP Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

NEAMCP Executive Board Members

Back, L to R: Linda Shultz, Daniel Shan, Jim Hopsicker
Front, L to R: Nicole Trask, Hannah Lee, Haita Makanji

We look forward to seeing you at Nexus 2018!

Genetic Disease and Gene Therapy Educational Session Entrée Health - June 2018