

October 20, 2015—Portland Actuarial Club Luncheon

Title:

Healthcare Industry and the Development of Specialty Pharmacy

Speaker:

Grant Knowles

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When: Tuesday October 20, 2015 from noon to 1:30 pm

Where: Sentinel Hotel – Library Room, 614 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205

RSVP: Please RSVP by **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 10:00 am** using our website:

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Description:

Specialty drugs are providing important cures and treatments while encompassing over a quarter of all drug spend. Costs are expected to grow as innovations continue to focus on arena. Monthly drug spend for these specialty therapies range from \$1,500-\$50,000 per patient and are receiving major attention from payers and providers. This presentation will provide insights on where the industry has been and the potential growth expected for the future of specialty pharmacy. We will review standard specialty pharmacy practices for both services provided and plan management, as well as use to ensure appropriateness of care and mitigate waste.

Speaker Bio:

Grant Knowles, Vice President of Operations at Ardon Health, oversees all aspects of pharmacy operations including growth, development, clinical programs, call center services, manufacturer relations, accreditation, analytics, and contracting. Grant is residency trained in Managed Care Pharmacy program. He has served in various roles in pharmacy. He started his career at American Health Care in Population Health Management where he directed operations, client presentations, and maintained continuing education programs. He moved to Moda Health to lead formulary management initiatives for Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial clients. Grant has an extensive background in specialty pharmacy management from a payers, providers, and contracting perspective.

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