The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Nexus national conference took place on October 16 to October 19 in Dallas, Texas. Eight students from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy AMCP Chapter were in attendance, and included Brianna Devitt, Siddharth Jain, Sumie Kakehi, Nihal Narsipur, Jenny Shan, Soham Shukla, Jane Yi, and Eric Zhu. Rutgers AMCP faculty advisors, Dr. Saira Jan and Dr. Luigi Brunetti, also attended and presented at educational sessions. Dr. Jan delivered two presentations titled, “Best Practices in Combating Opioid Abuse, Misuse and Diversion: the Health Plan Perspective” and “Discussing Best Practices in Combating Opioid Abuse: the Health Plan Perspective.” Dr. Brunetti gave a presentation titled, “An American Journal of Managed Care Symposium: Patient-Centered Management Strategies in Hemophilia.” AMCP chapter president Soham Shukla presented his poster, “Assessing Opioid Trends and Management of Members with General Pain Conditions”.

AMCP Nexus gave the students opportunities to learn topics relevant to the current economic and healthcare climate, including value-based contracting and specialty pipeline developments. They were also able to connect with mentors in the managed care field through the “Conference Buddy” program and network with pharmacy students from across the country. Some of the students’ favorite events of the conference were the Residency and Fellowship Showcase, early morning yoga sessions held by the AMCP Foundation, and the chapter dinner organized by Rutgers AMCP chapter diplomat and EMSOP alumni Dr. Alison Handler.