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During the Fellowship, located in Palm Harbor near Tampa, Florida, Xcenda professionals will mentor the Fellow in multiple consulting projects with a focus on medical writing and medical communications. This Fellowship places an emphasis on review and evaluation of the medical literature and the healthcare landscape, with the intent of developing various stakeholder communication pieces, including Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Format formulary dossiers, global value dossiers, scientific publications (eg, posters and manuscripts), and field-based scientific slide decks. In addition, training will be provided on how to systematically review the literature and conduct either qualitative or quantitative analysis.

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Data Extraction
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Core Programs

- AMCP Dossiers
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