



Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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Legislative and political activity directly affects our practices and our patients. As a leading advocate for otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, we hope you enjoy reading this edition of The ENT Advocate, your premier source of advocacy information for the specialty!

Lead Story

Legislative Advocacy Events in Chicago

The AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience is right around the corner, and we don't want you to miss several opportunities to receive legislative and political updates while in Chicago. Mark your calendar for these insider events:

- **BOG Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting:** Saturday, September 9, 10:00-11:30 am, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Ballroom 4. Join your colleagues for a meeting that will feature legislative and political updates, as well as discussion and report-outs from the PROJECT 535 and Engagement Taskforces.
- **ENT PAC Happy Hour:** Sunday, September 10, 4:00-6:00 pm, McCormick Place Convention Center (MPCC) Outdoor Patio. All 2017 ENT PAC Investors are invited to attend.
- **Advocacy Leadership Luncheon:** Monday, September 11, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Room E256, MPCC. Hosted by the ENT PAC Board of Advisors, this invitation-only event welcomes members of the ENT PAC Chairman's Club (\$1,000+ donors), representatives from the various Sections (WIO, SRF, YPS), and other key advocacy leaders. This year's special guest speaker is U.S. Representative Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN), a cardio-thoracic surgeon who serves on the House Energy & Commerce Committee and its Health Subcommittee.
- **ENT PAC "Sweet Treats" Dessert Reception:** Monday, September 11, 8:30-9:30 pm, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Mayfair Room. All 2017 Leadership Club (\$365+ or \$100 for Residents) ENT PAC Investors are invited to this exclusive reception.

Action Requested

Visit the Legislative Advocacy Booths

Stop by one (or both) of the legislative advocacy booths to learn more about various advocacy-related programs or make your contribution to ENT PAC before the meeting's receptions! The booths are conveniently located outside of Ballroom 4 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel (Saturday only), and near the OTO Experience (E354) at the MPCC program.

Legislative & Political Reports

Fall Legislative Agenda

Lawmakers return to Capitol Hill on Tuesday, September 5, to face a full legislative agenda. The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) will kick things off with [two hearings](#) as part of a bipartisan commitment to enact meaningful healthcare reform. Other top agenda items include reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), tax reform, raising the debt ceiling, and approving the budget for FY18.

AAO-HNS Sponsors Tour of NIDCD Research Labs at NIH

As a member of the "Friends of the Congressional Hearing Health Caucus (FCHHC)," the AAO-HNS co-sponsored a tour of the [National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders \(NIDCD\)](#) at the NIH on August 24.

The tour, attended by Congressional staff and representatives from FCHHC member organizations, showcased the Center's research programs and scientific advancements.

Other News

BOG/Section Events in Chicago



The Annual Meeting is an excellent time to ensure your participation in the Academy's full scope of legislative and grassroots programs, so mark your calendar for the [Board of Governors \(BOG\) Committee Meetings!](#)

Attendees are also encouraged to participate in each [Section's](#) General Assembly, taking place at the MPCC:

- Women in Otolaryngology: Monday, September 11, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Room E450B
- Young Physicians: Monday, September 11, 2:30-4:30 pm, Room E450B
- Residents & Fellows-in-Training: Tuesday, September 12, 7:30-9:30 am, Room E450B

Sincerely,
Susan R. Cordes, MD
BOG Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
and the AAO-HNS Legislative Advocacy Team

For more information, contact govtaffairs@entnet.org. Don't forget to bookmark *The ENT Advocate!*

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