

CAPITOL HILL DAY



Highlights from the 2019 Capitol Hill Day

On Wednesday, March 20, ACCC members representing 21 states and covering 150 districts headed to Capitol Hill to advocate on behalf of their cancer patients. Capitol Hill Day was the first opportunity for ACCC members to meet with the 116th Congress, a diverse legislative class



Great day and very unique experience. I talk with patients daily regarding the cost of oral chemotherapy, so to say that I advocated for this to change on their behalf makes a world of a difference to them.

Laura Kruczek
Oncology Financial Navigator
Shaw Cancer Center, Vail Health



featuring more than 100 newly elected Representatives and 10 Senators.

With more than 65 meetings, participants met with their legislators to advocate for oral parity (H.R. 1730/S.741), clinical trial coverage for Medicaid enrollees with life-threatening conditions (H.R. 913), and the rising cost of healthcare and drugs. [Read](#) the issue and advocacy briefs.

During a lunch address, Dr. Robyn Stacy-Humphries, Radiation Oncologist and Patient Advocate, shared her compelling story about her battle with lymphoma and personally attested to the importance of clinical trial access, having been a participant in a CAR T-cell therapy clinical trial.

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Blair Burnett, Senior Policy Analyst, ACCC

January 14, 2019



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Amanda Patton, ACCC Communications

March 15, 2018



Reading Between the Line Items

Blair Burnett, ACCC Health Policy Analyst

February 15, 2018



Carolyn Haskins, MS, CGC, Genetic Counselor at Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Fla. (left) meets with Maria Robayo, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL 14th District).



Stuart Portman, Advisor, Health Policy for Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), meets with Susannah Friemel, MD, oncologist at Iowa Cancer Specialists.



Left to right: Leigh Boehmer, PharmD, BCOP, ACCC Medical Director of Education; Tarry Mills Hodges, Director of Governmental Relations at St. Joseph's/Candler, Savannah, Ga.; Michael L. Chou, Director of Operations at South Carolina Cancer Specialists, P.A., Hilton Head Island, S.C.; and Seth Ismail, Legislative Correspondent for Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-SC 6th District.)



Mahesh Seetharam, MD, FACP, oncologist at Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, Ariz. (left), and Ali McBride, PharmD, MS, BCOP, Clinical Coordinator of Hematology/Oncology at The University of Arizona Cancer Center, after meeting with Sylvia Lee, Senior Policy Advisor to Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ).