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New Jersey Physicians Attend “DO Day on Capitol Hill”
NJAOPS delegation lobbies for policies to foster future workforce

MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NJ (April 28, 2010) — Six osteopathic physicians from New Jersey will join more than 800 other members of the osteopathic community from around the country in Washington, D.C., on April 29 for the American Osteopathic Association’s “DO Day on Capitol Hill.”

DO Day on Capitol Hill is an opportunity for osteopathic physicians and students to educate members of Congress and their staff about important health policy issues, such as a long-term solution to the flawed Medicare physician payment formula and the development of policies that foster an adequate future physician workforce with special attention on ensuring a robust supply of primary care physicians and general surgeons.

“The United States is facing a projected shortage of 85,000 to 200,000 physicians by the year 2020,” explains Robert W. Bowen, executive director of the **New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS)**, the state affiliate of the AOA. “Add this to the fact that Medicare payments to physicians have remained static since 2001, while costs continue to increase, and we are facing a real crisis in patients’ access to care. It is more important now than ever for physicians to lend their voice to the legislative process, and New Jersey’s physicians are in the forefront of this movement.”

Once in Washington, the osteopathic advocates will participate in a morning legislative briefing, attend scheduled meetings with Members of Congress and their staff, and report the results in a debriefing room.

The delegation from the **New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons** includes:

- **NJAOPS President Lee Ann Van Houten-Sauter, DO**, a family physician practicing in Williamstown, Gloucester County
- **NJAOPS Past President Alan Carr, DO**, a pain management specialist practicing in Cherry Hill, Camden County

- **Richard Tancer, DO**, a family physician practicing in Little Ferry, Bergen County
- **Paul Morris, DO**, a family physician practicing in Carlstadt, Bergen County
- **Steven Rubin, DO, FACOFP dist.**, a family physician practicing in Fair Lawn, Bergen County
- **Susan Volpicella-Levy, DO**, a family physician practicing in Westwood, Bergen County

NJAOPS is the professional medical association for osteopathic physicians in New Jersey. It is the sixth largest state affiliate of the American Osteopathic Association. NJAOPS represents the interests of more than 3,600 active osteopathic physicians, residents, interns and medical students. Founded in 1901, NJAOPS is one of the largest and most active medical associations in New Jersey with 12 county societies. Visit us online at www.njosteo.com.

What is a DO? A DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) is a fully qualified physician licensed to treat patients, prescribe medication and perform surgery. In addition to complete medical school and post-graduate training, DOs receive further training in the musculoskeletal system, the interconnected system of nerves, muscles and bones that make up the body. Renowned for their emphasis on patient-centered care, DOs recognize the importance of taking the whole person into consideration—one's overall physical health, lifestyle, nutritional habits, exercise routine, genetic disposition, etc.—when preventing, diagnosing and treating illness, disease and injury.

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