Preserving Patient Access—Compounders on Capitol Hill 2013!


Thank you for joining us at the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacist’s (IACP) 19th Annual Compounders on Capitol Hill, June 1-4, 2013! More than 415 of your fellow colleagues convened in Washington, DC to take part in a comprehensive program of continuing education with captivating speakers, a full exhibit hall featuring 37 leading companies, and many profes-
sional networking opportunities. Among the group traveling to DC were 100 first-time participants in the Compounders on Capitol Hill legislative conference. Thank you for playing an active role to ensure your patients have continued access to customized medications. The future of your practice, your patients’ well-being, and your compounding profession depends in great part upon your participation at this important annual event. Thank you for going to DC!

Thanks also to the more than 270 Members who participated in IACP’s second annual Virtual Hill Day. Your support of IACP’s email campaign to your respective representatives made a real difference!

STATS TO DATE
Although all the debriefing documents were being summarized by our Washington, DC team at the International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding press time, the initial reports from CCH are impressive:

• 202 total participants representing 41 states
• 216 face-to-face meetings scheduled
• 82% of Senate offices scheduled
• 32.95% of House offices scheduled
• 115 meetings included the Senator/ Congressman

In addition to these scheduled meetings, state delegations also called on additional Congressional representatives while they were on the Hill.

IACP President Wade Siefert, RPh, made the following statement:

Compounding pharmacists came to Washington to speak with their Senator and Congressional representatives about several specific issues that directly affect their patients. We are particularly concerned that the new Senate legislation (S.959) as currently written could impede our patients’ access to pharmacy compounding. We are working closely with our respective state representation, and the Senate HELP Committee to resolve issues with the proposed legislation.

IACP continues to educate patients, prescribers, pharmacists, patient advocacy groups, congressional offices, regulatory agencies, state pharmacy associations, and state pharmacy boards about the vital importance of continued access to compounded medications.

IACP Executive Vice President & CEO, David G. Miller, RPh, commented:

These visits to Congress came at a particularly critical time for compounding pharmacies across the country and for the patients whom they serve. Our IACP members are mindful of the terrible tragedy that occurred last year with the New England Compounding Center meningitis outbreak. We never want to see another situation like this, again.

We also believe it’s vital that patients and practitioners continue to have access to compounded medications prepared by licensed pharmacists who are following the necessary
guidelines and who are helping patients and practitioners with personalized medication solutions each and every day.

States without representation/CCH attendees this year were:

- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Montana
- Nevada
- Vermont
- West Virginia

We look forward to having your colleagues’ representation in these states next year!

David G. Miller, RPh, and Sarah Dodge-Palmer, Vice President of Government Affairs, and IACP’s legislative team immediately went back to the Hill as our members were traveling back to their respective communities. IACP was asked to sit down with Senate HELP staff to resolve the anticipatory compounding/office-use provisions of the S.959 pharmacy compounding bill. All of the messaging our IACP Members delivered on the Hill about “unworkable” made a difference. What an incredible tangible result to our members’ efforts.

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