2018 NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.

Feb. 12–14

Monday, Feb. 12

President’s lecture
3–4 p.m.
Independence Ballroom A

Erik Wahl
Synthesizer of art and business

Erik Wahl is an internationally recognized artist, TED speaker and No. 1 bestselling author. His breakthrough experience as an artist and entrepreneur has translated into making him into one of the most sought-after corporate speakers on the circuit today. On stage, his keynote presentations create a dynamic multidimensional metaphor for how to systematically embrace innovation and risk. His message: disruption is the new normal, and businesses must embrace creativity in a wholesale fashion or risk being left behind.

Wahl, with his new book, The Spark and the Grind, activates the essential components translating ideas into action.

Capitol Hill briefing
4–5 p.m.
Independence Ballroom A

Senior advocacy staff from the American Medical Association will deliver an overview of the organization’s priority issues and things to keep in mind if you are meeting with members of Congress.

Richard A. Deem, senior vice president, Advocacy, AMA
Cindy Brown, vice president, Government Affairs, AMA
Todd Askew, director, Congressional Affairs, AMA
AMA leadership on the Issues
5–6 p.m.
Independence Ballroom A
The AMA president, president-elect, and the chair of the Board of Trustees share their perspectives on the issues they address daily when discussing the AMA’s efforts and advocacy agenda with members of Congress, the administration and the media.

David O. Barbe, MD, MHA, president, AMA
Barbara L. McAneny, MD, president-elect, AMA
Gerald E. Harmon, MD, chair, Board of Trustees, AMA

Welcome reception sponsored by AMPAC
6–7 p.m.
Independence Ballroom B–E

Tuesday, Feb. 13
Breakfast
8:30–9:15 a.m.
Independence Ballroom B–E

Inside the Beltway
9:30–10:30 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A

Chris Wallace
Award-winning journalist and host of FOX News Sunday

Chris Wallace is a battle-tested media presence, an incisive interviewer, and a venerable authority on presidential history and election politics. The host of Fox News Sunday, Wallace breaks down today’s top news issues as few can, leaving audiences with takeaways that prepare them for impending changes in the political landscape.

Over his decades-long journalism career, he has reported from the ABC News desk as a senior correspondent for Primetime and 20/20, and as an anchor on the longest running show on television, NBC News’ Meet the Press. A best-selling author, Wallace has won every major broadcast news award, including three Emmys and the Peabody Award.
Drug pricing and congressional activities
10:30–11:15 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
Hear from a panel of congressional staff who are working on this issue daily.

Jennifer Boyer, senior health policy advisor (Republican Staff)
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Colin Goldfinch, senior health policy advisor (Democratic Staff)
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Danielle Steele, counsel (Republican Staff)
Subcommittee on Health House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Samantha Satchell, health policy analyst (Democratic Staff)
Subcommittee on Health House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Shooting the rapids and remaining upright: Advancing a health agenda in turbulent times
11:15–noon
Independence Ballroom A
Hear from a panel of experts on the challenges of continuing to move forward with health system reform in these turbulent and challenging times.

Matt Eyles, senior executive vice president and chief operating officer, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, America’s Health Insurance Plans

Charles N. Kahn III, president and CEO, Federation of American Hospitals

Sue Nelson, vice president, federal advocacy, American Heart Association

Lunch
Noon–1 p.m.
Independence Ballroom B–E

Afternoon free for Hill visits

Dr. Nathan Davis Awards reception
6–6:45 p.m.
Independence B–E
This reception is open to all National Advocacy Conference attendees.

Dr. Nathan Davis Awards dinner
7–9:30 p.m.
Independence Ballroom A
The Dr. Nathan Davis Awards are presented for outstanding contributions to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

Master of Ceremonies: John Dickerson
John Dickerson is an award-winning journalist, native Washingtonian and the recently named co-host of CBS This Morning. Prior to his new position Dickerson was CBS News’ chief Washington correspondent and anchor of Face the Nation. A reporter in Washington since 1995, he has covered the White House, Congress and six presidential campaigns for CBS, Slate and Time magazines. Known for his active use of social media—he has more than 1.85 million Twitter followers—he is also the author of the New York Times best-seller Whistlestop: My Favorite Stories from Presidential Campaign History.

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Breakfast
7–8 a.m.
Independence Ballroom B–E

The Problem Solvers Caucus
8:15–9 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
The Problem Solvers Caucus was created in January 2017. It is a bi-partisan group in Congress that includes approximately 40 members—equally divided between Democrats and Republicans – who are committed to forging bi-partisan cooperation on key issues. The co-founders of the caucus share their insights into the latest actions of Congress.

  Rep. Tom Reed (R-N.Y.)

Congressional perspectives
9–9:30 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
Speaker TBD
Congressional perspectives
9:30–10 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.)
Chair, Health Subcommittee, Committee on Ways and Means

The latest on MIPS from CMS
10–11 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Kate Goodrich, MD, MHS, director and chief medical officer, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.

Regulatory relief update
11–11:30 a.m.
Independence Ballroom A
AMA Federal Affairs staff will provide you with an update on the AMA’s myriad of regulatory relief efforts for physicians.
Margaret Garikes, JD, vice president, Federal Affairs, AMA

Recap and wrap up: Everything you need to know for your Capitol Hill visits
11:30–noon
Independence Ballroom A
AMA Congressional Affairs staff will summarize the sessions and give you ideas and information you can use to make your Hill visits more productive.
T.C. Roberge, senior assistant director, Congressional Affairs, AMA
Jason Marino, senior assistant director, Congressional Affairs, AMA

Lunch
Noon
Independence Ballroom B–E

Afternoon open for Hill visits
Times, speakers and room locations are subject to change