

National Advocacy Conference

Feb. 11–13

Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C.



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MONDAY, FEB. 11

President's lecture

3–4 p.m.

Independence Ballroom A



Indu Subaiya, MD, MBA
Executive vice president, Health 2.0,
HIMSS

Kicking off this year's conference is Indu Subaiya, MD, MBA, a visionary health care leader who inspires us to radically rethink how health shapes our lives. One of health information

technology's most influential women, she is the co-founder of Health 2.0, a conference that catalyzes new technologies in health care, which was acquired by HIMSS in 2017. A past Aspen Institute Health Innovators fellow, she is a frequent moderator and speaker on health technology.

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

Moderated by AMA EVP/CEO James L. Madara, MD, this session shares the perspectives of the AMA president, president-elect, and the chair of the Board of Trustees on the issues they address daily when discussing the AMA's

efforts and advocacy agenda with members of Congress, the administration and the media.

- **Barbara L. McAneny, MD**, president, AMA
- **Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA**, president-elect, AMA
- **Jack Resneck Jr., MD**, chair, Board of Trustees, AMA
- **James L. Madara, MD**, EVP/CEO, AMA

Welcome reception sponsored by AMPAC

6–7 p.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

Breakfast

8–9 a.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

Keynote: Update from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9–9:45 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

The Honorable Alex M. Azar II, secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Inside the Beltway

9:45–10:45 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Nicolle Wallace

Political analyst, MSNBC anchor and former White House director of communications



A tough, savvy and hard-charging political analyst, Nicolle Wallace is the host of MSNBC's *Deadline: White House*. Having served as the former special assistant to the president and director of communications at the White House under President George W. Bush, Wallace is known in Washington as a persuasive force and top GOP strategist.

This best-selling author is a master storyteller who, through an interactive presentation, will break down today's top news issues impacting individuals and industry, preparing you for impending changes in the political landscape.

Congressional perspectives

10:45–11:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.)

Congressional actions to end gun violence

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.)

Chairman, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

The Gun Violence Prevention Task Force announced the introduction of H.R. 8, the "Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019," legislation that requires background checks on all firearm sales. Since its inception after the shooting at Sandy Hook, the task force, which has grown to a membership of more than 165 members of Congress, has been working across the aisle to help prevent gun violence. H.R. 8 is a decisive step forward to help save lives right away.

Lunch

12:15–1 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

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Dr. Nathan Davis Awards—recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious honors extended to elected officials and career government employees for outstanding endeavors that advance public health—the AMA invites you to join us as we honor this year's awardees.

Master of Ceremonies: Margaret Brennan



Margaret Brennan is the moderator of CBS News' *Face the Nation*. She is only the second-ever female host of the 63-year-old program. In 2012 Brennan joined CBS News and was named the network's White House and senior foreign affairs correspondent in 2017. As one of the most visible faces in political news today, she has reported

extensively on both President Donald Trump's and President Barack Obama's administrations, and on a wide range of major national security stories during her four years covering the U.S. Department of State.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Breakfast

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

Congressional perspectives

8:30–9 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-Ohio)

Special presentation

9–9:15 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)

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Update from CMS: Focus on regulatory issues

9:15–9:45 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Demetrios Kouzoukas

Principal deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Break

9:45–10 a.m.

Independence Foyer

Health care costs

10–11 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

A bi-partisan, bi-cameral panel of key Congressional staff who work on health care issues daily discuss health care costs, including drug costs and ongoing Congressional efforts related to cost.

- **Grace Graham**, health policy director, Republican staff, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- **Nick Bath**, health policy director, Democratic staff, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- **Brett Baker**, senior health policy advisor, Republican staff, Senate Committee on Finance
- **Matt Kazan**, senior health policy advisor, Democratic staff, Senate Committee on Finance

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Focus on the Opioid Epidemic and Emerging Public Health Priorities

11–11:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Adm. Brett P. Giroir, MD

Assistant secretary for health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Recap and wrap-up: Everything you need to know and remember before heading to the Hill

11:30 a.m.–noon

Independence Ballroom A

Key AMA advocacy staff will review the highlights of our speakers and tie them together with the key messages you should be delivering while visiting your members of Congress.

- **Todd Askew**, director, Congressional Affairs, AMA
- **Margaret Garikes, JD**, vice president, Federal Affairs, AMA
- **Jason Marino**, assistant director, Congressional Affairs, AMA

Lunch

Noon

Independence Ballroom B–E

Afternoon open for Hill visits

All speakers and times are subject to change.

