



National Advocacy Conference

Feb. 13–15

Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

President's lecture

3–4 p.m.

Independence Ballroom A



Michael Beschloss

Presidential historian and bestselling author

Kicking off this year's conference is Michael Beschloss, an award-winning historian, scholar of leadership and bestselling author of 10 books—most recently the acclaimed *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller "Presidents of War."

Capitol Hill briefing

4–5 p.m.

Independence Ballroom A

In this session moderated by American Medical Association CEO/EVP James L. Madara, MD, senior advocacy staff from the AMA will deliver an overview of the organization's priority issues and things to keep in mind if you are meeting with members of Congress.

- **Todd Askew**, senior vice president, Advocacy, AMA
- **Cindy Brown**, vice president, government affairs, AMA
- **Jason Marino**, director, congressional affairs, AMA
- **James L. Madara, MD**, CEO/EVP, AMA

AMA leadership on the issues

5–6 p.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Also moderated by Dr. Madara, this session shares the perspectives of the AMA president, president-elect and the chair of the AMA 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.

- **Jack Resneck Jr., MD**, president, AMA
- **Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH**, president-elect, AMA
- **Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD**, chair, Board of Trustees, AMA
- **James L. Madara, MD**, CEO/EVP, AMA

Welcome reception sponsored by AMPAC

6–7 p.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Breakfast

7:30–8:15 a.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

Inside the Beltway

8:30–9:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A



April Ryan

White House reporter and political analyst

April Ryan, a White House correspondent, has a unique vantage point as the only black female reporter covering urban issues from the White House—a position she has held since the Clinton era. Her position as a White House correspondent has afforded her unusual insight into the racial sensitivities, issues and attendant political struggles of our nation's past presidents.

April can be seen almost daily on CNN as a political analyst. She is also the Washington, D.C. bureau chief on TheGrio.

From the administration

9:30–10 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A



Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP
Director

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, is the first physician to serve as the director of national drug control policy and lead the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, a component of the Executive Office of the President. In his role, Dr. Gupta serves as the senior most drug policy advisor to President Biden. Through his work as a physician, researcher, a state and local leader, an educator, and a senior leader of a national nonprofit organization, Dr. Gupta has dedicated his career to improving public health and public safety.

From the administration**10–10:30 a.m.****Independence Ballroom A**

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure is the administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), where she oversees programs including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the HealthCare.gov health insurance marketplace. A former policy official who played a key role in guiding the Affordable Care Act through passage and implementation, Brooks-LaSure has decades of experience in the federal government and on Capitol Hill. She has served as deputy director for policy at CMS's Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, as director of coverage policy at the Department of Health and Human Services, and as a lead Medicaid analyst for the Office of Management and Budget.

From the administration**10:30–11 a.m.****Independence Ballroom A**

Rachel L. Levine, MD
Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service
Assistant secretary for health
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services

Adm. Rachel L. Levine, MD, serves as the 17th assistant secretary for health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Her storied career has taken her from working as a physician in academic medicine focused on the intersection between mental and physical health to serving as Pennsylvania's physician general and later as that state's secretary of health. At every step along the way, Dr. Levine has fought to improve the health and well-being of all Americans.

New Congress, new majorities and new power dynamics**11 a.m.–noon****Independence Ballroom A**

David M. Lusk
Founder
Key Advocacy

When Republicans won a House majority for the 118th Congress in November 2022, it followed historical trends for midterm. Many individual races however, particularly in the Senate, bucked these historical tendencies.

This new House majority will be slim for the Republicans, while the Democrats will enjoy their first outright majority in eight years in the Senate. Coupled with yet another "change election" in 2022, the selection of Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as House Speaker and Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) as House Minority Leader should result in additional changes in the power dynamics on Capitol Hill.

What might this all mean for the AMA's policy priorities? This session will explore the changing landscape of Congress and what near-term impacts it might have on health care policy.

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

Afternoon free for Hill visits

AMA Awards for Outstanding Government Service reception**6–6:45 p.m.****Independence B–E**

This reception is open to all National Advocacy Conference attendees.

AMA Awards for Outstanding Government Service Awards dinner**7–9:30 p.m.****Independence Ballroom A**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

Breakfast

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom B–E

Congressional perspectives:

Sen. Roger Marshall, MD (R-Kan.)

8:30–9 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Roger (“Doc”) Marshall, MD, is a physician, devoted father, grandfather and U.S. Senator for Kansas. As an OB/GYN, he delivered more than 5,000 babies and has an intimate understanding of the health care system. In the U.S. Senate, he serves on several committees including the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. He has been a congressional leader on health care and agriculture policies and takes a leading role in promoting U.S. trade around the world. He also has taught Sunday school for over 25 years and served as an elder, deacon and board chairman of his church.

Congressional perspectives:

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.)

9–9:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Sheldon Whitehouse has earned a reputation in the Senate as a thoughtful legislator capable of reaching across the aisle to achieve bipartisan solutions. He has been at the center of bipartisan efforts to pass laws overhauling federal education policy, rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure, reforming the criminal and juvenile justice systems, protecting Americans from toxic chemicals in everyday products and addressing ocean plastic waste. He also authored the first significant bipartisan law to address the opioid crisis, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. As a staunch defender of Social Security and Medicare, he has made improving care and reducing costs in our health care system a hallmark of his career.

Scope of practice

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

Legislative and regulatory efforts to expand scope of practice for non-physicians are no longer confined to the states; federal initiatives are now beginning to gain traction. A panel of experts will discuss these proposals and the efforts of organized medicine to promote the physician-led, team-based care model that patients value most.

- **Manuel Bonilla**, chief advocacy and practice officer, American Society of Anesthesiologists
- **Kimberly Horvath, JD**, senior attorney, Advocacy Resource Center, American Medical Association
- **Rebecca Hyder**, vice president, government affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
- **Craig Obey, JD**, chief, government relations, American Psychiatric Association

TBD

10:30–11 a.m.

Independence Ballroom A

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

11 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.

- **Lindsey Brill**, senior assistant director, congressional affairs, AMA
- **Dana Lichtenberg**, assistant director, congressional affairs, AMA

Lunch: Boxed lunch

Noon

Independence Ballroom B–E

Afternoon free for Hill visits

All speakers and times are subject to change.

