

IMPACT COPD

*Engage, Educate
& Inspire Action*

June 18-19, 2019 • Washington, DC



On June 18 and 19, 2019, COPD champions will converge in Washington, DC for two days of training, relationship building and advocacy. IMPACT COPD includes an interactive training workshop, networking opportunities at an evening reception, and visits with congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

Has COPD touched your life? Patients, caregivers, family members, healthcare professionals, and anyone who cares about improving COPD outcomes can play a role in driving change in communities and in state and federal policies. The COPD National Action Plan laid out an aspirational plan for achieving better awareness and patient empowerment, improved access to quality healthcare, a stronger public health infrastructure, expanded research investments and effective policies and practices throughout society.

If we are to achieve meaningful progress towards these and other goals, YOUR voice must be heard. Advocacy is no longer just about speaking up to support policy changes. Stakeholders, such as those who develop drugs and devices, design healthcare and make regulatory and reimbursement policy, are looking to infuse the patient, caregiver and healthcare professional's perspectives into their work in a meaningful way.

Let's seize this opportunity to inspire action in COPD by building skills, sharing experiences and going to Congress to highlight the critical needs in the COPD community.

IMPACT COPD will start on June 18th with a full day training workshop. Topics will include;

- how the patient voice can be infused into the research and treatment development and approval process
- critical policy issues such as treatment access issues, research funding and the COPD National Action Plan
- what the latest evidence says about comprehensive COPD care
- hone your advocacy skills through practical media and storytelling training
- tips for hosting community events and using available tools such as the COPD Pocket Consultant Guide

An evening reception will follow the workshop, and on June 19th, advocates will converge on Capitol Hill to speak up for the critical needs facing the COPD Community.

Join us at this inaugural event and get the tools you need to return to your community and take your advocacy to the next level! If you are interested in participating in IMPACT COPD, please complete the Interest Form and a COPD Foundation staff member will be in touch with further details.

IMPACT COPD Interest Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IMPACTCOPD>

EVENT DETAILS

Workshop Venue

The IMPACT COPD advocacy training workshop will take place at the:

Hyatt Place Washington DC / US Capitol
33 New York Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
For website, click [here](#)

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms at a special rate has been reserved for IMPACT COPD participants. Registered participants will receive a hotel registration form to identify hotel needs. Please do NOT contact the hotel directly to make a reservation at this time.

Getting to Washington, DC

By Air

The closest and most convenience airport is Washington Regan National Airport (DCA). Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) and Dulles International Airport (IAD) are alternative airports should flights into DCA not be available.

By Train

Washington's Union Station (WAS) is the closest Amtrak station: <https://www.amtrak.com/stations/was>.

By Car

Valet parking only is available at Hyatt Place. If driving to the hotel, taking a taxi or Uber, please use the following as your destination address: 24 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Schedule of Events

Monday, June 17, 2019	
All Day	Arrivals
Evening	Dinner – on your own Recommendations for local restaurants including delivery will be provided
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast – If you're staying at Hyatt Place, breakfast is included in your room rate – If you're not staying at Hyatt Place, breakfast is on your own
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	IMPACT COPD Training Workshop at the Hyatt Place
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Depart for Reception – <i>in progress, details to be confirmed</i>
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception honoring COPD Caucus Leaders <i>in progress, details to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	
8:00 a.m. – TBD	Breakfast – If you're staying at Hyatt Place, breakfast is included in your room rate – If you're not staying at Hyatt Place, breakfast is on your own
TBD – <i>based on individual meeting schedules</i>	Depart for Capitol Hill

TBD – <i>based on individual meeting schedules</i>	Meetings with assigned Congressional Offices – <i>a full individual schedule and instructions will be provided to each participant</i>
TBD – <i>based on individual meeting schedules</i>	Lunch – <i>a list of cafeterias and local food options will be provided to each participant</i>
4:00 p.m.	Departures begin

Please note: The COPD Foundation will arrange ground transportation for all Capitol Hill activities for the duration of the training workshop.

Special Arrangements

Participants are encouraged to contact statecaptains@copdfoundation.org to discuss any special accommodations regarding mobility and oxygen needs. We are unable to guarantee that we can assist with oxygen needs due to regulatory requirements, however, we are able to help you navigate the process of obtaining oxygen via your assigned company and local partners.

For activities on Capitol Hill, we can assist with making arrangements for wheelchair transport or assistance for extended walks such as when moving from the House side of the Capitol to the Senate side.