

Fourth Annual Neurology on the Hill - May 23-24, 2006

The AAN's Fourth Annual Neurology on the Hill (NOH) took place May 23-24, 2006. The event was attended by 52 AAN members from 33 states, including several first-time advocates. NOH participants learned about the Academy's 2006 advocacy priorities: reform of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR), recommendations for Pay-for-Performance proposals, education on reimbursement for patient-centered care, increased funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), and support for VA Centers of Excellence for Parkinson Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

NINDS Director Story Landis, PhD spoke at a reception about the important research gains resulting from the ramping up of NIH funding. She thanked the Academy for supporting the NIH and NINDS, and for helping to raise awareness of the cost-savings and medical advances achieved through greater investment in clinical research.

Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) spoke during the NOH Congressional Breakfast. He discussed current healthcare initiatives in the House of Representatives and answered member questions. Current Neurology Public Policy Fellow Amie Peterson, MD, spoke about her experience working for Senator Jack Reed as a health care legislative assistant. Following the breakfast, NOH participants began their day on the Hill, visiting 124 House and Senate offices.



NINDS Director Story Landis, PhD



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