

2009 Neurology on the Hill – March 23-24, 2009

The AAN Professional Association (Academy) hosted the 7th Annual Neurology on the Hill on March 23 and 24, 2009. The event brought 104 Academy members from 34 states to Washington, DC to meet with their congressional representatives.

During the event, attendees were addressed by Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance, and Representative Charles Boustany, MD, (R-LA), who discussed their visions for health care reform. The neurologists were assured that physician reimbursement remains a priority. Academy member Terri Postma, MD, also spoke to the group about her experiences on Capitol Hill as the current [Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Neurology Public Policy Fellow](#).

While on the Hill, Academy members educated their federal representatives about the critical function of a neurologist and urged them to recognize this role as they reform health care. The participants voiced the Academy's commitment to quality and support for health reform proposals that address the unique needs of patients with severe, progressive, or chronic disorders. These patients often require extensive and time-consuming patient and family counseling and coordination of care among multiple professionals.

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