

Government Relations Committee

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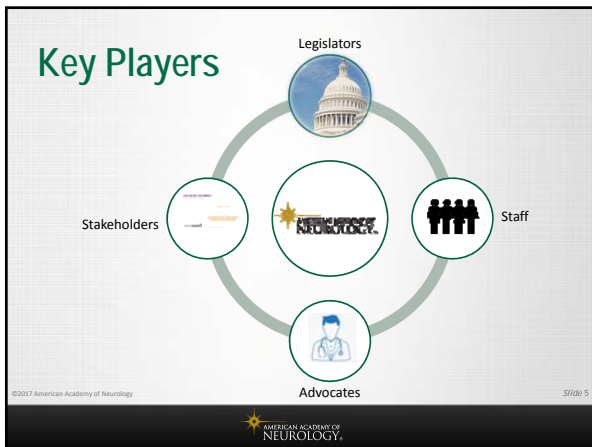
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- **Mission:** To engage AAN members in advocacy in support of the profession of neurology and patients with neurologic disease.
- **Vision:** To be the primary resource to AAN members on legislation and advocacy.

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Federal Legislative Priorities

- Demonstrate value of neurology
 - Improve cognitive reimbursement
 - Reduce regulatory burden
- Increase research funding
 - Support the BRAIN Initiative
 - NIH appropriations
- Access to neurologists
 - Telemedicine/Telestroke
 - GME Funding




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AAN Principles for Health Care Delivery

- Access to high quality health care and preventative care through insurance coverage for all, including those most vulnerable to health care disparities, regardless of pre-existing conditions
- Appropriately value cognitive care services
- Limit administrative requirements and advocate for EHR functionality to ensure that physicians spend as little time as possible on low-value clerical work, and as much time as possible engaged in direct patient care
- Continue efforts to streamline EHR interoperability and reduce data blocking to allow any willing provider to participate in a qualified clinical data registry
- Improved valuation of patient-centered care setting alternatives including telemedicine and other innovative care model



AAN Principles for Health Care Delivery

- Improve efforts to reduce spending on pharmaceuticals and other key drivers of health care expense through cost transparency and permit the negotiation of drug costs by Medicare
- Medical liability reforms to reduce the cost of premiums and defensive medicine
- Preservation of the physician-patient relationship including independent medical decision-making and patient access to needed treatments and education
- Protect access to neurology care in all settings, including small and solo practices



State Legislative Priorities

- Telemedicine
- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- Opioids
- Sports Concussion
- Medical Marijuana
- Firearm Gag Laws
- Drug Pricing & Access

Let the AAN know of active issues in California!
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Telemedicine

- State & Federal efforts
- Active partnership with AHA/ASA in support of Telestroke
 - FAST Act
- Working with AMA on expanding states joining FSMB Interstate Medical Licensure Compact



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BrainPAC

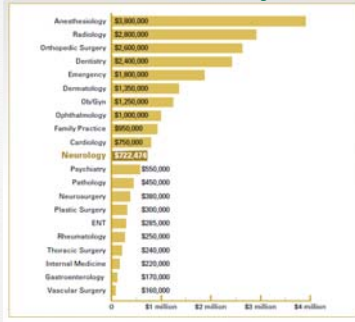
- AAN's federal political action committee
- Founded in 2007
- Raised more than \$2.3 million from more than 3,700 members
- Given more than \$1.8 million to candidates
- This "tool" puts the AAN at the table

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Total Donations, 2016 Election Cycle

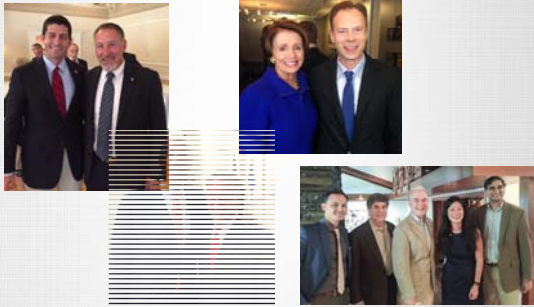


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High Profile Connections



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Recent Advocacy Successes

- Increased funding for the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, BRAIN Initiative, and Alzheimer's-specific research
- Repeal of the flawed SGR formula
 - Replaced by MACRA
- Sustained funding for the VA's Epilepsy Centers of Excellence

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Neurology on the Hill



NOH Facts

- Two day event in Washington, DC
- Historically, 43 states and Washington, DC represented
- Day 1 - Monday
 - Federal advocacy training
 - Priority issue training
 - Organize state contingents
 - Members of Congress speak to attendees
- Day 2 - Tuesday
 - Breakfast, Hill visits
 - Physicians meet with their two Senators and their Representative

Engaged Advocates





How to Get Involved?

- Respond to AAN Action Alerts
- Read *Capitol Hill Report*
- Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum
- Neurology on the Hill
- Host a congressional site visit
- Follow us on social media



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Questions?

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