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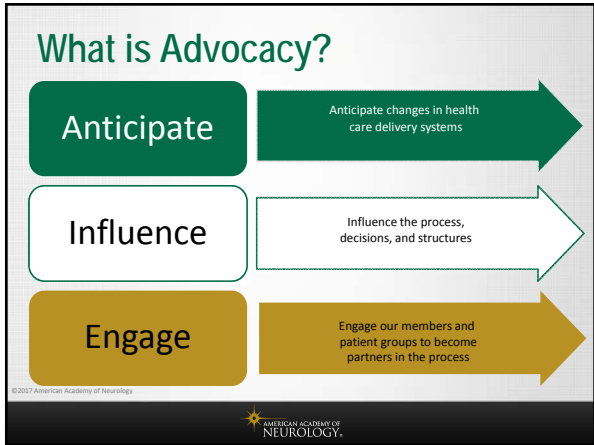
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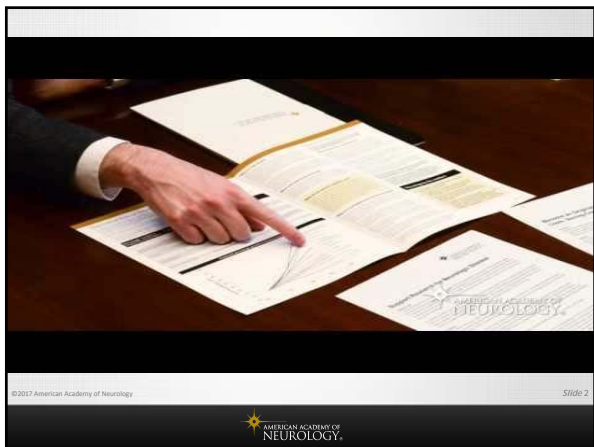
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## Government Relations Committee

**Chair**



Nicholas E. Johnson, MD  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Vice-Chair**



James N. Goldenberg, MD, FAAN  
Medical Specialists of the Palm Beaches Neurology  
Atlantis, FL

- 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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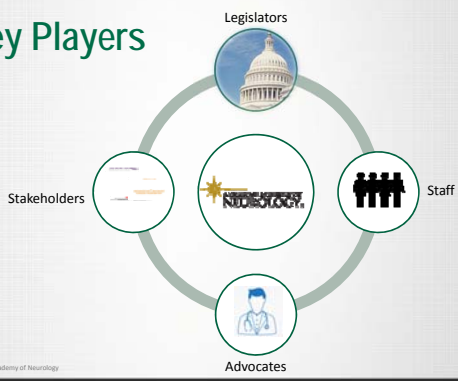
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## Key Players




Legislators

Stakeholders

Staff

Advocates

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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



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### 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



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### 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 Alabama!  
[advocacy@aan.com](mailto:advocacy@aan.com)

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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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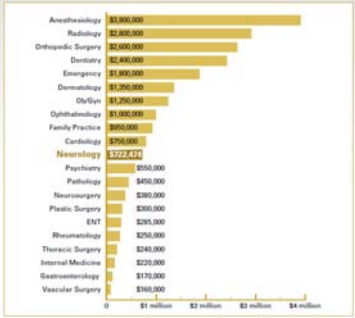
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## Total Donations, 2016 Election Cycle



Specialty	Total Donations
Anesthesiology	\$3,900,000
Radiology	\$2,800,000
Orthopedic Surgery	\$2,600,000
Dentistry	\$2,400,000
Emergency	\$1,900,000
Dermatology	\$1,200,000
Otolaryn	\$1,200,000
Ophthalmology	\$1,000,000
Family Practice	\$950,000
Cardiology	\$750,000
Neurology	\$722,431
Psychiatry	\$650,000
Pathology	\$450,000
Neurosurgery	\$380,000
Plastic Surgery	\$340,000
ENT	\$285,000
Rheumatology	\$250,000
Thoracic Surgery	\$240,000
Internal Medicine	\$220,000
Gastroenterology	\$170,000
Vascular Surgery	\$160,000

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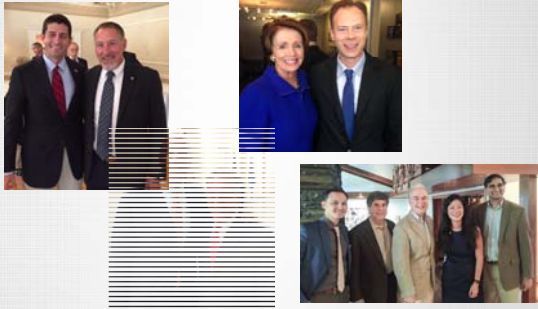
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## High Profile Connections



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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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## Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum



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## PALF Facts

- The Forum has trained 400+ neurologists from 44 states, Washington DC & Puerto Rico and 18 other countries
- Three Components:
  - Media Training
  - Grassroots Legislative Training
  - Action Planning
- Large portion of graduates serve in leadership roles within the AAN
- Competitive application process, opens in the fall
  - ~30 participants selected each year

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### Neurology on the Hill

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## 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



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## Engaged Advocates



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## 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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