UNITE. ADVOCATE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
JUNE 26-27, 2017 | NATIONAL POLICY SUMMIT: ADVOCACY IN ACTION

The Lupus Foundation of America's National Policy Summit provides lupus activists from across the nation the opportunity to make a difference together in the fight against lupus. This empowering two-day event includes interactive discussions with lupus experts on the latest developments in research and education, as well as an Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill where lupus activists will urge their Members of Congress to join our cause and do more to end this cruel disease.

JOIN US ON CAPITOL HILL!

Lupus is one of the world’s cruelest, most unpredictable and devastating diseases, yet this is one of the most exciting times in the history of lupus drug development, with more than two dozen lupus treatments in the pipeline.

Together, our advocacy efforts have led to many important advances in lupus research and education, and have helped to secure nearly $90 million in federal funding for lupus research, professional training and education. But more must be done, and now is the time more than ever for our nation’s leaders to invest in lupus research and support lupus-specific policies.

The National Policy Summit is the lupus community’s chance to engage with their elected officials about making lupus a priority on the national health care agenda. It’s also our chance to fight for an increase in funding for research, ensure access to care and give lupus the recognition that it deserves. Join us at the National Policy Summit this June and be a part of a powerful force descending on Capitol Hill.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
DAY ONE: MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

Panel Discussions & Training – The Summit kicks off with three educational panel discussions featuring world renowned lupus clinicians and researchers, patient advocates, and leaders from government, the pharmaceutical industry and the private sector. The first day will also include a keynote address from political analyst Charlie Cook, an advocacy training session, and will conclude with the Advocacy Awards Reception.

8:30am - 9:30am  Breakfast and Registration
9:30am - 10:00am  Opening Session
10:00am - 11:00am  Panel One: Accelerating Lupus Research
11:15am - 12:15pm  Panel Two: The Role of Federal Agencies in Lupus Research, Education and Awareness
12:15pm - 2:00pm  Luncheon Keynote: Health Care Trends in America
2:15pm - 3:30pm  Panel Three: The Promising Pipeline in Lupus Drug Development
3:45pm - 4:30pm  Prep for the Hill Training
5:00pm - 7:00pm  ADVOCACY AWARDS RECEPTION  
(Requires separate registration)

DAY TWO: TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

Meetings with Elected Officials – Activists go to Capitol Hill to meet with their Members of Congress and staff to discuss our legislative priorities including urging Congress to support funding for lupus research.

7:00am - 8:00am  Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 4:30pm  Advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill  
*Lunch on your own

IMPORTANT DATES
MAY 26
Save Money!  
Last day for early bird registration.  
Hotel room block and discount rate expires.

JUNE 19
Final Date for Registration

JUNE 20
Summit Preparation Webinar  
Learn what you need to know before coming to Washington, D.C.

TO REGISTER: VISIT LUPUS.ORG/SUMMIT
SUMMIT REGISTRATION

Your registration fee includes access to two advocacy training sessions, all panel discussions, meetings on Capitol Hill, and refreshments and lunch on June 26. Summit attendees will receive a National Policy Summit bag and other giveaway items.

- **Early Bird Registration is $50 per person** and must be received by May 26, 2017.
- **Regular Registration is $75 per person** and is available between May 26, 2017 and June 19, 2017.

Registration confirmation will be sent via email. If you do not receive a confirmation, it is likely we did not receive your registration. Please call or email Patrick Wildman at 202.349.1169 or Wildman@Lupus.org with any questions.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001

The National Policy Summit will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. We have secured a room block with discounted rates for event attendees who have completed registration for the Summit. Single/double occupancy rate is $220.00 + tax per night; $245.00 + tax for triple occupancy; and $270.00 + tax for quadruple occupancy.

- **To receive the discounted rate, please reserve your hotel room no later than May 26, 2017.**

During the Summit registration process, you will be given access to a direct link to secure a reservation at the Hyatt Regency. NOTE: Reduced room rates are only available for those who already have registered to attend the National Policy Summit.

RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE

On June 26, dress comfortably for the sessions and training. Temperatures tend to vary in hotel meeting rooms, so a jacket or sweater is advised. On June 27, please wear business casual attire that is professional and appropriate for visiting Members of Congress and staff on Capitol Hill.

AIR & TRAIN TRANSPORTATION

The most convenient airport is Reagan Washington National Airport (code: DCA). From there, it is a short cab ride to the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill (approximately $25). However, you can also fly into Baltimore (BWI) or Virginia-Dulles (IAD). Travel to the Hyatt Regency Washington from BWI is approximately $95 and IAD is approximately an $80 cab fare. Washington, D.C. is served by Amtrak at Union Station (WAS), and the Hyatt Regency Washington is accessible via a five-minute cab ride ($7). In order to participate in the full Capitol Hill Day on June 27, please schedule your return flights after 6:30pm EST.

MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Congressional meetings will be scheduled for June 27. We will try to schedule Senate meetings in the morning and House meetings in the afternoon. Please DO NOT schedule your own meetings.

If you have a special relationship with a particular Member of Congress and would like to have a meeting in that office, please email Patrick Wildman in the Government Relations Department at Wildman@Lupus.org. Patrick will work with you to coordinate the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

From the Hyatt Regency Washington, it is a short cab ride to the meetings on Capitol Hill (approximately $10). If you will require a wheelchair or scooter while in Washington, D.C., you are responsible for arranging these services.

Listed below are two of the local durable medical equipment providers who will deliver and pick up equipment from the hotel.

- Spectrum Medical: 301.587.2992
- Mobility Solutions: 301.650.0035; 800.519.0035

AROUND WASHINGTON

Activities outside of the hotel can easily be reached via cab or by using the Washington Metro system. The nearest Metro station to the Hyatt Regency Washington is Union Station (Red line). Maps of the Metrorail system are available online.

The hotel is just minutes from historic sites, the White House, the National Mall, and award-winning dining.

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