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Osteopathic Medical Profession Celebrates National D.O. Day

(NAPSA)—On April 26, the osteopathic family across the country will reach out to the public to educate them about osteopathic medicine. One example of the group's national outreach efforts is D.O. Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Nearly 300 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s), osteopathic medical students and supporters will travel to the nation's capital to educate members of Congress about the profession and support health care legislation that they say keeps the patients' best interests in mind.

Last fall, the group went to Washington, D.C. to convince legislators to approve patient protection measures.

The osteopathic group pushed leaders to reach a Patients' Bill of Rights compromise between the House (H.R. 2723) and Senate (S/1344) bills that provide protections to all Americans with health insurance.

According to the AOA's Department of Government Relations, the upcoming D.O. Day on Capitol Hill is expected to be one of the largest gatherings of the osteopathic medical community in Washington.



April 26 marks National D.O. Day, a day devoted to educating the public about the osteopathic profession.

D.O.s are fully licensed physicians able to prescribe medication and perform surgery. They treat people, not just symptoms.

To learn more about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine, visit the American Osteopathic Association's Web site at www.aoa-net.org or call toll-free 1-800-621-1773.