



**DIGESTIVE HEALTH PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION**  
*Independent GI Practices, Improving Patient Lives*  
September 2023 Board Meeting  
Hotel Washington | 515 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW | Washington DC

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**6:00 pm – 9:30 pm: Board of Directors Reception and Dinner**

*For those Board members arriving early enough on Monday evening, DHPA will hold a reception and dinner in the Elevation room at the Hotel Washington. We will be joined by three members of the advocacy team from DHPA corporate member J&J for a discussion of significant health policy issues of importance to our member practices and the patients we serve. Molly Miller, the National Policy & Advocacy Director-Immunology, has been with J&J for 26 years. Molly is the single point of contact for all relationships with National Patient Advocacy Organizations, Coalitions and Professional Societies including Gastroenterology. Mike Mayers is an optometrist by training and currently leads Healthcare Policy & Strategy for Janssen Immunology. Leslie Stein Lloyd is the Healthcare Policy & Advocacy Director for New Jersey and New York. In this role, she analyzes health care policy issues, works on strategy development, builds collaborative partnerships, and creates awareness and provides insights to key stakeholders.*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**Note: The Assembly Room on the mezzanine level will be available at Hotel Washington on September 12 and 13 for DHPA Board members to use when they are not attending meetings on Capitol Hill or other DHPA events.**

**7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast [Elevation]**

*Breakfast served for Board members prior to the start of Meeting.*

**8:00 am – 12:30 pm: Board of Directors Meeting [Elevation]**

*The Board will gather for a series of sessions before heading to Capitol Hill for the balance of the day.*

**8:00 am: Welcome (Ketover), Antitrust Compliance Statement (Rubin)**

**8:15 am to 9:00 am: Business Meeting (Ketover, Rubin)**

*Agenda to include:*

- (i) Financial Report (Nestler, Sousa);*
- (ii) Amendments to DHPA Bylaws (Rubin);*
- (iii) Report on Next Generation Leadership Conference (Taunk)*
- (iv) AGA Request for DHPA Participation on AGA Committees (Gunaratnam)*
- (v) Reports from Communications and DEI Committees (Baig, McCutchen);*
- (vi) Preview of Nominating Committee Process for 2024-2025 Executive Committee (Rubin);*
- (vii) Planning for DHPA's Spring 2024 meeting (Sousa);*
- (viii) New business.*



**9:00 am – 10:00 am: Federal Health Policy Updates (Spicer, McManus, Rubin)**

*Report on timely legislative and regulatory issues, including legislative proposals on site-neutral payment policy, Congressional attention to consolidation of health care market, annual payment increases for physicians, the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Outpatient Prospective Payment System/ASC Fee Schedule Proposed Rules for CY 2024, legislative efforts to curb PBM abuses, prior authorization reform, and telehealth policy update.*

**10:00 am until 10:15 am: Break**

**10:15 am – 10:45 am: State Health Policy Updates (Ketover, Rubin)**

*DHPA Chair of Health Policy, Dr. Scott Ketover, and DHPA legal counsel, Howard Rubin, will report on legislative issues pending in statehouses that could significantly impact patient access to high-quality, cost-efficient care furnished in independent GI practices. Topics will include legislation to require notification, review, and approval of “material transactions” in various States across the country, state-level PBM and prior authorization efforts, and bans of non-compete provisions in employment agreements. Dr. Ketover and Mr. Rubin will also report on grants provided to DHPA member practices from DHPA’s State Health Policy Action Fund.*

**10:45 am – 11:30 am: DHPA Corporate Sponsor Bristol Myers Squibb**

*We will be joined by Aakash Patel from DHPA corporate member Bristol Myers Squibb for a discussion of significant health policy issues of importance to our member practices and the patients we serve. Aakash Patel is a pharmacist by training and serves as BMS’s Director of Cardiovascular & Immunology Policy with the U.S. Policy and Government Affairs team. In this role, Aakash works to advance BMS’s public policy priorities in support of patient access for the cardiovascular and immunology therapeutic areas.*

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Prepare for Capitol Hill Meetings/Preview of Political Fundraisers (Spicer, McManus)**

*Lunch will be served as DHPA lobbyists Tracy Spicer and John McManus prepare Board members for meetings with legislators and staff on Capitol Hill and provide background on Senators Barrasso (R-WY) and Representative Pallone (D-NJ), two policymakers for whom we will hold fundraisers this afternoon (Barrasso) and tomorrow morning (Pallone).*

**12:30 pm – 1:00 pm: Travel to Capitol Hill**

**1:00 pm – 5:30 pm: DHPA Board Member Meetings on Capitol Hill**

*Board members and attendees from the DHPA Next Generation Leadership Conference, along with The McManus Group and Avenue Solutions, to meet with legislators and staff in the Senate and House of Representatives.*



**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Reception with Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ)**  
**[The Duck & The Peach, 300 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Washington DC 20003]**

*DHPA is hosting this event for Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ). Congressman Pallone is the Ranking Member of the powerful Energy & Commerce Committee, one of the few committees with healthcare jurisdiction. Rep. Pallone and his committee are at the forefront of all the site neutral, telehealth, PBM and physician reimbursement policies for which DHPA is advocating. He has held a leadership position on this Committee since 2015 and previously served as the top Democrat on the Subcommittee on health from 2007-2014. Rep. Pallone is one of the chief architects and leading Democrats for health policy in the House, with his overall legislative focus on making healthcare more affordable and accessible. He was also instrumental in passing the Inflation Reduction Act, which will lower prescription drug prices and allow Medicare to negotiate the costs of some prescription drugs for seniors. During the height of the COVID pandemic, Rep. Pallone helped lead the passage of key legislation that expanded telehealth, ramped up the distribution of vaccines, expanded testing and much more.*

**6:00 pm – 9:30 pm: DHPA Board of Directors Cocktail Reception and Dinner**

*DHPA will hold a reception and dinner in the Piedmont Room at Clyde's Gallery Place (707 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington DC) which is conveniently located approximately half way between Capitol Hill and Hotel Washington.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast [Elevation]**

*For those Board members who are not attending the fundraising event with Congressman Pallone, breakfast will be served at Hotel Washington prior to departing for meetings on Capitol Hill meetings.*

**8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast with Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)**  
**[Charlie Palmer Steak, 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001]**

*DHPA is hosting this event for Senator John Barrasso (R-WY). Senator Barrasso was a practicing orthopaedic surgeon for 24 years and now serves as Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference making him the third-ranking member in the Senate Republican leadership. He sits on the U.S. Senate Finance and its Subcommittee on Health Care, which has jurisdiction over the policies for which DHPA is advocating. He is also a member of the Rare Disease Caucus. Senator Barrasso filed an amendment to protect physician reimbursement of Part B drugs subject to "negotiation" during the IRA debate and is working on a bill to do the same. He is a former President of the Wyoming Medical Society and was named Wyoming Physician of the Year.*

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm: DHPA Board Member Meetings on Capitol Hill**

*Board members, along with The McManus Group and Avenue Solutions, to meet with legislators and staff in the Senate and House of Representatives.*

**3:30pm – 4:00 pm: Members of Executive Committee Return to Hotel Washington**



**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting [Hotel Washington, Assembly Room, Mezzanine Level]**

*The members of the DHPA Executive Committee will meet to de-brief and discuss action items arising out of the DHPA Board's two-day meetings in Washington DC.*

**NOTE: Note that Washington Reagan International Airport is about a 15–20-minute cab ride from Capitol Hill on a weekday afternoon. Washington Dulles International Airport is about a 30–45-minute cab ride from Capitol Hill depending on traffic.**