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DOTH COUNTDOWN - 5 WEEKS TO GO

Thank you for deciding to take part in the AACVPR's 2011 Day on the Hill. You have committed time and financial resources for something you obviously believe can make a difference. I think over the past six DOTH events, we've all seen proof that it can and does matter.

You will receive a weekly email from now until March 2nd when we will meet in person in Washington, DC. In the meantime, there is much preparation for each attendee to assure a productive and successful two-day event.

1. Check the [AACVPR DOTH web page](#) frequently. We are posting new information and helpful tools each week.
2. Be sure the one-hour conference call for all participants is on your calendar:

Thursday, February 17, 2011

12:00 pm EST, 11:00 am CST, 10:00 am MST, 9:00 am PST

Dial-in number: 888.430.5975

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3. By now, you've begun the process of making congressional appointments-and it can be a process! Each office operates according to its own protocol and it can take days to weeks to nail down an appointment. Tips for securing appointments are posted on the DOTH web page.
4. Your hotel reservation should be made now if you haven't already done so. There are a limited number of rooms reserved and the discounted price is only guaranteed until February 9th when rates may increase.

5. Hopefully you've found a great airline price. Sometimes flying into Baltimore-Washington International Airport is less expensive, although travel by train or shuttle bus into DC will not be as convenient.
6. Did your MAC Committee state rep contact you yet? No? Contact him/her/them for help coordinating appointments with other attendees coming from your state-this is not designed to be a solo event.
7. **TODAY'S MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE-**
A template letter from hospital CEO is posted on the [DOTH page](#). Please try to get this from as many hospitals as you can. This will be particularly helpful in congressional offices you visit in which you don't live in that District, but you are representing CR and PR programs within that District. It is also a critical message that CAHs should want their two US Senators and U.S. Representative to understand.

Thanks and *think spring*,
Karen

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