

NAVIGATING THE PA LEGISLATIVE PROCESS – BEING AN ADVOCATE

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- ▶ Understand Pennsylvania State Government and know how and when to best to advocate for your profession and your patients via the legislative process.
- ▶ Know the avenues and mediums to get engaged in advocacy with their elected officials.
- ▶ Recognize the importance of relationship development and cultivation.

OBJECTIVES



- ▶ 203 State Representatives and 50 Senators
- ▶ Every voter in PA has 1 State Representative and 1 State Senator
- ▶ Balance of power - House and Senate
 - ▶ The Minority has a say, but the Majority get their way!

PA STATE GOVERNMENT



- ▶ Professional Licensure
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Health and Human Services
- ▶ Judiciary

COMMITTEE SYSTEM



- ▶ How a bill becomes a law in Pennsylvania
- ▶ Every step a bill moves through the process, there is a pressure point to push and advocate

LEGISLATIVE PRESSURE POINTS



- ▶ POMA provides all information you need through expertise of your advocacy team
- ▶ Adoption of grassroots lobbying software
 - ▶ Break down POMA membership
 - ▶ Facilitate direct communication with your state rep and senator
- ▶ Continued communication on the happenings in Harrisburg

POMA! YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ADVOCACY



- ▶ You are the expert!
- ▶ Unless they are a physician, there is no way a legislator knows what it is like to be you
- ▶ If you don't, who will?
- ▶ Power of your voice

WHY GET INVOLVED?



- ▶ Scope of practice - CRNPs legislation on independent practice
- ▶ Telemedicine
- ▶ Judicial advocacy - venue rule

POMA ISSUES



QUESTIONS???

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