Unique Advocacy Opportunity for 2018 Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows: Join Us for an Advocacy Training and Trip to Capitol Hill!
Arlington, VA
2/24-2/26/2018

PRE-CONFERENCE Advocacy Training: Saturday, 2/24/18, 12pm-4pm, Crystal City Hilton
Cost: $50/fellow

Being a Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) physician, you already advocate every day for your patients and for issues impacting their health, like injury prevention, immunizations, and access to health care. Take your advocacy skills to the next level by learning how to speak up for children from within the walls of the emergency department to the halls of Capitol Hill.

During this session, you will:
- Network with other PEM fellows interested in advocacy
- Learn about a timely federal policy topic relevant to PEM
- Learn about the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP) approach to advocacy and specific ways to advocate for your patients in Washington, DC
- Learn how to make your message matter and make the most of your interests, time, and skills to pursue an interest in advocacy
- Prepare to go to Capitol Hill on Monday afternoon to meet your members of Congress directly*
- Begin to build relationships with key health staff on Capitol Hill

Opening Plenary “Becoming an Advocate as a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician”
- **Joseph Wright MD, MPH, FAAP** – a seasoned advocate in the PEM field, Dr. Wright will provide novice and experienced advocates with insight to effect change and pursue advocacy opportunities throughout your career.
- **Lenore Jarvis MD, MEd, FAAP** – a recent fellowship graduate, Dr. Jarvis will provide a junior attending perspective on advocacy in PEM.

*POST-CONFERENCE Visits on Capitol Hill: Monday, 2/26/18, 1pm-4pm, Capitol Hill complex
Cost: FREE

Put your skills into practice by meeting with your elected officials on Capitol Hill! During these in-person meetings, you will advocate for the specific federal policy priority you learned about during the Pre-Conference* and begin to build relationships with Capitol Hill staff.

- **As part of this activity, participants will be asked to set up meetings with elected officials and their staff on Capitol Hill during Monday afternoon during the timeframe outlined below. AAP staff will provide support and instructions to set up these appointments in advance of the training.**

*The preconference is mandatory in order to attend the hill visit event
However you can choose to attend the Pre-Conference and not stay Monday for a Capitol Hill visit.