Day on the Hill (DOTH) 2014

DOTH is a key part of AACVPR’s advocacy with the U.S. Congress. DOTH gives members an opportunity to meet with their legislators and legislative staffs as constituents—as voters and healthcare professionals

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Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation (CR/PR) programs need the flexibility to utilize non-physician practitioners (NPP) to meet the CMS direct physician supervision requirement. Critical access hospitals (CAH) struggle to provide this physician coverage and are often forced to limit program availability to patients for this reason. Many hospital-based cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation (CR/PR) programs are currently paying significant fees to MDs or DOs for this (non-billable) supervisory requirement. DOTH 2014 rought our concerns to the attention of our U.S. Senate with Senate Bill S382. If supported by enough senate members, this bill could be included in a 113th Congress in 2014. Only by accomplishing this goal together, will all CR and PR programs be offered the same supervisory flexibility that other hospital outpatient services now have.

Members of TSSCVPR banded together to STORM THE HILL on March 14th to speak to our Senators about this important bill.

Our teams:

New Jersey, Nell Granger Joan Heffman and Max Heffman

Delaware: Tammy Donohue, Angie Howard and Sue McKinney,
Successful meetings were held with legislative aids from the offices of Senator B. Casey (PA), Senator P. Toomey (PA), Senator T. Carper (DE) and Senator R. Menendez (NJ).
OUR DOTH TSSCVPR Group (missing: Joan and Max Helfman)