



A FEW THINGS TO EXPECT IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TRIP TO PTWA LEGISLATIVE IMPACT DAY

Once you arrive in Olympia the day's activities begin with a 9 a.m. briefing at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Olympia.

- You will receive a packet of materials:
 - Copies of the three briefing papers
 - A copy of the appointment chart
 - A map showing where physical therapists can or cannot perform spinal manipulation in the US
 - Letters from CNA insurance and the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy about facts related to spinal manipulation and physical therapy
 - A capitol campus map
 - Information about legislative day sponsors
- During the briefing, you will find out, among other things:
 - Logistics for the day
 - Which appointments have changed
 - How to answer hard questions asked by legislators, such as, "What do the chiropractors think?"
 - The current status of our spinal manipulation bill and how the negotiation process with the chiropractors is going
- After the briefing, everyone will walk seven or eight blocks to the capitol campus, led by Bob Boyles and Jennifer Lesko. We will use a big heated tent as our home base throughout the day.
- By the time you get to the tent, you will probably be hungry. There will be some fruit and other snacks available and sandwiches will arrive between 10:30 and 11 a.m. There will also be water and juice available to drink. And this year we'll have a popcorn machine cranking out popcorn throughout the day.
- Besides food, you will also pick up the packets to take to legislators in the tent. And the tables in the tent will have district numbers on them so you can meet up with your district mates at any time.
- If you or your group needs a mentor, look for someone holding up a yellow mentor flag. Seasoned legislative day participants will be available to go with you on your visits and to help you speak with your legislators and their staff.
- It's important to remain calm, polite and honest when speaking with legislators. Legislators know they can count on us to tell the truth.

- After your visits, please write a group thank you note to your legislators and fill out a Legislative Visit Report. Notecards and visit reports will be available in the tent.
- Nicole or Jackie from the PTWA staff will be in the tent throughout the day and able to answer any questions you may have.
- If you have time to spare between appointments, feel free to jump on the free Dash bus and go to downtown Olympia where you will find a variety of small stores. PTWA staff can tell you where to find certain types of stores.
- If you came to Olympia on a bus, the buses will pick you up at the capitol campus, rather than the theater.