

2018 Doctor of the Day Program – Help us to continue our presence!

During the 1996 legislative session, the presiding officers of the Maine Legislature asked the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association to furnish a physician for each legislative day to assist in the event of a medical emergency. Now, the Doctor of the Day program is well established and respected, and legislators are enthusiastic about it. This is a unique opportunity to observe the legislative process in action and to visit with our lawmakers. This program also gives your children a chance to observe their government in action by serving as an honorary page. **We need your help to continue our presence and to ensure the continued success of this program.**

The scheduling of volunteers for the 128th Legislative Session has already begun. We would like to invite you to participate during the upcoming session that is scheduled to convene in January and is expected to run through April.

Upon receipt of your registration, MMA staff will contact you to arrange and/or confirm the most convenient date for you to serve. The House Clerk's office staff then will mail you a packet with a legislative parking pass and confirmation letter informing you about your scheduled date. On the day of your participation, a Maine Medical Association or Maine Osteopathic Association staff representative will meet you at the State House and will be available to orient you to the State House and the legislative activities of the day.

This is an effective grassroots contact program for organized medicine in Maine and it has established substantial "good will" for physicians at the State House. The Doctor of the Day program gives you the unique opportunity to observe the process in which your legislators make decisions affecting you as a physician and as a citizen of the State of Maine.

If you have any questions regarding the Doctor of the Day program, please feel free to contact the MMA legislative assistant, Sarah Lepoff at 207-622-3374, or slepoff@mainemed.com. You can also register online at <https://www.mainemed.com/legislation/drdayVol.php>. We hope to see you at the State House for what is expected to be a very interesting session for the medical community.



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