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Doctor of the Day Guide

Dear Doctor of the Day Volunteer,

Thank you for your time and commitment to further this valuable program for your Academy. The Doctor of the Day program has been running strong thanks to our volunteers since 1982! You are performing an important service for Family Physicians in Colorado and to your state. You will provide consultation and urgent medical care to legislators, Capitol staff and visitors. Some limited supplies are available for your use but we ask that you bring prescription pads and a stethoscope.

Hours

Monday, 10AM to 5PM

Tuesday through Thursday, 9AM to 5PM

Friday, 9AM to Noon

Parking

Daily parking is available across from the Capitol on Grant St., between 14th Avenue and Colfax Avenue. The daily rate is \$17. CAFP will reimburse your parking. Simply return the reimbursement form and a copy or photo of the receipt to ryan@coloradoafp.org.

Check In

Proceed to the second floor and report to the Sergeant at Arms in the House Chamber (the House Chamber is located directly behind the grand staircase and has a green color scheme). You will be given your name badge and they will take down your cell phone number so you can be reached when there is a patient. While we do not have a dedicated office space, basic supplies and the laptop for patient records are available in the House Services Office on the 3rd floor. The sergeants can direct you. We recommend bringing a business card on which to write your cell phone number for the sergeants to contact you when there is a patient.

Duties as Doctor of the Day

Our purpose is to help the people at the Capitol with minor illnesses so they can stay at work when they are away from home and their own doctors. Patient volume is usually between 1 to 4 patients. You may want to bring equipment you feel a basic necessity such as a stethoscope, as well as prescription pads. Some basic equipment such as a blood pressure cuff and otoscope, as well as basic medications, are available. If a situation arises in which 911 has to be called, the Sergeant at Arms should be notified to coordinate immediate access to the building.

If you are not seeing a patient, feel free to watch and learn about the legislative process or take a tour of the Capitol. Tours start on the 1st floor at the Visitors desk approximately every hour.

CAFP Lobbyists and Point of Contact for Questions

Ryan Biehle, CAFP Deputy CEO for Policy & External Affairs Cell: 970-234-7208

Jeff Thormodsgaard, CAFP lobbyist Cell: 303-653-5563

Legislative Activities & Calendar

See what's on the docket for your day at the Capitol by accessing the legislative calendars below. Keep in mind that the calendar is highly fluid and can often change at the last minute. You can usually get a good idea of the day's agenda by checking the calendar the night before you come to the Capitol. The full House and Senate generally do announcements, followed by debate and consideration of bills in the morning. In the afternoon, committees organized by issue area hear public testimony and typically consider legislation in greater depth. We encourage you to watch the formal proceedings, and pick a committee hearing that you are interested in to see the legislative process in action. As Doctor of the Day, you can also go onto the floor and take a seat on one of the side benches.

House Calendar: <http://www.leg.colorado.gov/agencies/house-representatives/house-calendar>

Senate Calendar: <http://www.leg.colorado.gov/agencies/senate>

For current news at the Capitol check out these sources:

Colorado Politics: <https://coloradopolitics.com/>

Under the Gold Dome: <http://statebillnews.com/>

#coleg and #copolitics on Twitter

It always nice to let your Representative or Senator know you'll be at the Capitol as Doctor of the Day. Feel free to contact them before you arrive or contact Ryan Biehle to assist you. If you are not sure of your representation, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator> to obtain that information.

Wireless Internet Connection

Free Wi-Fi is available at the Capitol. The Wi-Fi Network is COGawifi and there is no password.

Patient Records

1. The Doctor of the Day computer is password protected. Ryan Biehle will send you the password before you arrive at the Capitol.
2. Please write a SOAP note for each patient in Microsoft Word, and save it in the Desktop File named "SOAP Notes." There is a SOAP note template titled "CAFP Doctor of the Day" in this folder.
3. Use the following format for saving the file:
 - a. Save the file as the date, followed by patient's first and last initials. For example: 1.10.2019.J.S.
 - b. Within the file, write the date, patient's first and last initials, the SOAP note, and your name at the bottom.

Pharmacies that Deliver

Avella Pharmacy – 1245 E. Colfax St. (303) 863-7644

Scales Pharmacy – 1999 Pennsylvania St. (303) 974-5424

Need supplies, have a comment or other issues? Please send an email to Ryan Biehle at Ryan@coloradoafp.org or call him at 970-234-7208

CME Information

When you volunteer to serve as the CAFP's Doctor of the Day at the Capitol, you can claim some CME credit for the activity. If there is a medical student or resident there then you can get some "teaching" CME assuming you taught something, and if you learn something yourself then you can claim some "self-study elective" CME. If you spend time on your own learning about the legislative process or a medical topic, say the proper use, risks, and dangers of Naloxone for example, you can claim that time as "self-study elective CME." It doesn't matter WHY you chose to learn about some medical topic, just that you did. Lobbying, testifying, and genuflecting to legislators do not count as CME, but these are life enriching activities all unto themselves.

COPIC Insured Physicians

Physicians covered by COPIC for a full-time practice will have coverage for their services at the Capitol. Physicians covered by COPIC for a part-time practice will also be covered so long as the hours served at the Capitol are included in the total number of hours covered for under the policy.

Retired and other physicians covered by the COPIC Medical Professional Volunteer policy will also be extended coverage. If you are unsure how your COPIC policy might cover your work at the Capitol, please contact your Underwriter.

*Physicians covered by a COPIC Hospital or Slot policy should contact Janel Loud-Mahany at 1-800-421-1834 extension 6168 or jloud@copic.com

Physicians who DO NOT maintain coverage for the work at the Capitol

COPIC and CAFP have collaborated to create a policy for physicians who will not be covered elsewhere for their volunteer services at the Capitol. The coverage provided will be a location-specific Slot Policy, designed to cover physicians who rotate through the CAFP Doctor of the Day Program only. This will not be individual coverage, but rather a limit of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 shared by all physicians covered by the policy during their rotations. If you do not maintain coverage for your work at the Capitol, and are interested in being covered by the slot policy by COPIC and CAFP, additional application materials and a working agreement will be required. Please contact Janel Loud-Mahany at COPIC Insurance for additional information about coverage under this policy. Janel can be reached at 1-800-421-1834 extension 6168 or jloud@copic.com

By virtue of the Volunteer Services Act, CRS 1321115.5, physicians who volunteer health care services to nonprofit organizations without compensation are entitled to immunity from civil liability, provided specific conditions are satisfied.

- 1 The volunteer must have acted in good faith and within the scope of their duties for the nonprofit.
- 2 The injury must not have been caused by willful or wanton misconduct.
- 3 The volunteer must hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine.
- 4 Prior to providing the services, the physician must notify the patient of his/her volunteer status and the patient or the patient's representative must agree in writing to accept such volunteered care, knowing of their limited right to sue.

Most importantly, although the physician may be reimbursed by the patient for actual expenses incurred in treating, the doctor may not accept any fee for services. Acceptance of a fee for services, whether cash or barter, destroys the volunteer status and exposes the physician to full legal liability.