

Chapter news

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New York announces programs

The New York Chapter hosted a Legislative Day in Albany on Tuesday, March 16, in conjunction with a several statewide surgical and medical specialty societies. The briefings for the New York Chapter members and orthopaedic surgeons were provided by Heather Bennett, JD, Executive Director. In all, about 15 participated in the legislative visits (see photo, right).

The New York Chapter also announced the availability of a new practice management workshop. Entitled "HIPAA Security: Rule Requirement and Implementation," the workshops will be held 4:00 to 7:00 pm on June 3 (Buffalo) and June 4 (Syracuse). To register or for more information, contact the New York Chapter at 518/433-0397.

2004 Leadership Conference

The 2004 Leadership Conference for Young Surgeons and Chapter Officers will be held May 16-18, in Washington, DC. The preliminary agenda and topics include:

Sunday, May 16: Concurrent sessions:

- Chapter Leaders—Member Issues and Strategies.

- Young Surgeons—Dealing with Change: Leadership Skills to Overcome Obstacles.

- Chapter Executives—Legal Issues and Problem Solving.

Monday, May 17:

- Keynote Address: The Consequences of Uninsurance. Shoshanna Sofaer, PhD, Baruch College, New York, NY.

- Panel Discussion: Quality Measurement and Improvement, and Pay-for-Performance. Steve Jencks, MD, MPH, director, Quality Improvement Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Wash-



New York Chapter: "lobby day" participants, left to right (all MD, FACS): Soumitra Eachempati, William Marx, Steven Burger, John Nicholson, and Christopher Max.

ington, DC; Gerry Shea, Assistant to the President for Government Affairs, Washington, DC; Allan M. Korn, MD, FACP, senior vice-president/chief medical officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Chicago, IL; and Helen Darling, president, National Business Group on Health, Washington, DC.

Tuesday, May 18: Briefings, Capitol Hill visits, depart.

For more information about the 2004 Leadership Conference, or to register, contact the ACS Chapter Hotline at 888/857-7545, or visit the ACS Chapter home page at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
March	Brazil	52
	Southern California	52
	Massachusetts	50
	Nevada	39
	New Hampshire	52
	Puerto Rico	54
	South Dakota	52
April	Metropolitan Chicago	49
	Mississippi	51
	Oklahoma	54