



# AHA Annual Meeting, Washington DC

April 25 - 28, 2010



Twenty hospital representatives, led by WHA Chair and Columbia St. Mary's Executive Vice President David Olson, traveled to Washington, DC this week to join hundreds of their peers at the American Hospital Association's Annual Meeting and day on Capitol Hill. Priority issues discussed with Wisconsin Members of Congress were the recently proposed 2011 Inpatient Prospective Payment System rule, proposed rules on "meaningful use" under health information technology (HIT) incentive payments, the impact of health reform law on Wisconsin as well as how Wisconsin hospitals serve their communities and provide high quality, value, safety and care to their patients.

WHA thanks those who traveled to Washington, DC to meet with Wisconsin's Members of Congress. This annual trip is a valuable tool in continuing to build stronger relationships with our Members of Congress and promoting issues of importance to Wisconsin hospitals.



Rep. David Obey (far left) meets with hospital representatives from Memorial Medical Center in Ashland.



Mark Ruge of K & L Gates in Washington, DC; WHA 2010 Board Chair David Olson

*"It is more important than ever for Wisconsin health care leaders, our members, to be actively engaged in the policymaking process and working with our Congressional delegation. Given the immediate and pressing issues we are facing, this year's trip to Washington could not have come at a more critical time." - Steve Brenton, President, WHA*



Rep. Paul Ryan, middle, meets with hospital constituents and WHA leaders.



Sen. Russ Feingold discusses important issues with Wisconsin hospital representatives.



*Eric Borgerding, WHA Executive Vice President; Jerry Worrick, CEO, Door County Memorial Hospital*



*From Left: Mark Schaefer, Dave Fish, Deanne Rubenzer, Janet Rubenzer-Pike, Ann Bergmann, Maureen McNally*



*Tim Eckels, Brian Reardon, and Skip Gjolberg of Hospital Sisters Health System*



*Nick Desien, CEO, Ministry Health Care; Steve Brenton, President, WHA*



*Rachel Roller, Aurora Health Care, and Karla Ashenhurst, Ministry Health Care*



*Sheree and Mark Schaefer stop at the nation's capitol on their way to legislative meetings.*