



AGENDA

Education Session

May 6, 2025

1:00 - 1:10 PM	Welcome and Recognition of Partners Rick Riley, President, AOPA
1:10 - 1:20 PM	Status of the Current Political Environment in Our Nation's Capital Leela Baggett, JD, O&P Alliance Counsel
1:20 - 1:45 PM	Lobbying 101: How to be an Effective Advocate in a Virtual Environment Joe McTernan, Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, AOPA Teri Kuffel, Interim Executive Director, AOPA
1:45 – 3:00 PM	Overview of AOPA Legislative Priorities
1:45 – 2:05 PM	The Medicare O&P Patient Centered Care Act Joe McTernan, Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, AOPA Ensuring Patient Protection from Fraud and Abuse Through Prohibition of Drop-Shipping of Custom Fitted and Custom Fabricated Orthoses Ensuring Patient Access to O&P Care from Qualified Providers Ensuring Patient Access to Appropriate O&P Care as their Needs Evolve
2:05 – 2:15 PM	Federal Funding to Support Orthotic and Prosthetic Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Thomas, JD O&P Alliance Counsel and NAAOP Counsel • Leela Baggett, JD O&P Alliance Counsel • Joe McTernan, Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, AOPA
2:15 – 2:35 PM	Addressing the Impact of Tariffs on O&P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave McGill, VP, Market Access & Business Alignment, Ossur • Sydney Robinson, CEO, Vessl Prosthetics • Moderator: Kimberly Hanson, Director of Reimbursement, North America, Ottobock Healthcare
2:35 – 2:45 PM	Mobility Means Freedom Tax Credit Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Thomas, O&P Alliance Counsel and NAAOP Counsel
2:45 – 3:00 PM	VA SPORT Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe McTernan, Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, AOPA

3:00 – 3:15 PM	So Every BODY Can Move Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie Baumer, JD, Leader of Enterprise Patient Advocacy, Hanger Clinic • Nicole Ver Kuilen, Director of Impact Campaigns, Amputee Coalition
3:15 – 3:40 PM	Advocacy from the Patient Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom DeGree • Aaron Holm • Moderator: Sheryl Sachs, MSPO, CPO
3:40 – 4:00 PM	Amputee Coalition Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cass Isidro, CEO, Amputee Coalition • Ashlie White, Chief Strategy and Programs Officer, Amputee Coalition
4:00 – 4:30 PM	How to Successfully Navigate a Capitol Hill Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Thomas, JD, O&P Alliance Counsel and NAAOP Counsel • Leela Baggett, JD, O&P Alliance Counsel • Brian Arata, Chief of Staff Rep. Glenn (GT) Thompson • Moderator: Joe McTernan, Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, AOPA
4:30 – 4:55 PM	A Conversation with Senator Tammy Duckworth
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Riley, President, AOPA