Due to last minute scheduling with legislative staffers, we will email the legislative appointment schedule the afternoon before Day on the Hill. It also will be posted on PDA’s website. Be sure to check your email or the website before coming to Harrisburg.

All the information you need is on posted on PDA’s website. Please check back often for updates. PDA will no longer send information packets in the mail.
Attend the legislative briefing and continental breakfast from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. so that you can meet with your team and develop a plan for your legislative visits. It’s also the time to direct any questions you may have to staff and PDA’s lobbyists.

Please note the new location for registration is the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill.

Be sure to read the background material and talking points on PDA’s issues prior to Day on the Hill. These are available on PDA’s website. Please call the government relations (GR) staff if you have questions.

Inform our GR staff if you have any personal connections to legislators, regardless of whether he or she is your actual representative. Information such as whether you were childhood buddies, a legislator being one of your patients or your children playing together on a soccer team, will help us determine legislative assignments.

Your own representative and senator may not be included in your team’s visit assignments. Feel free to break away from your team to visit with them and then rejoin your team for another appointment.

Contact PDA should you need your legislator’s contact information or visit [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us) to access this information. The Legislative Directory, which you will receive during registration, also includes all the information you need.

Don’t be discouraged if legislators are unavailable that day for unexpected reasons. Take the time to speak with staff—they are usually the eyes and ears for the legislator.

Let us know if you need special transportation arrangements due to making legislative appointments before the bus arrives at the Capitol at 10 a.m. or after the bus leaves the Capitol at 1:30 p.m. We will arrange for staff to take you to and from the Capitol separately.

Bring business cards to distribute to legislators and staff.

Stay focused. Try not to waste your legislator’s time. Keep in mind that this is a session day and his or her presence will be required on the House or Senate floor.

Stay on message and use the taking points provided. Please don’t deviate from the issues PDA chose to lobby that day.

Don’t worry about not being able to answer every question asked by the legislator or staff. Simply tell them that you, or PDA’s staff or lobbyists, will get back in touch with an answer.

Please assist with our lobbying efforts by noting on the Legislative Visit Feedback Form which legislators had questions or requested feedback regarding PDA’s issue(s).

Wear comfortable shoes! The Capitol is a large place in which to walk.

Bring a camera to take pictures and be sure to send them electronically to the GR staff. We will post them on PDA’s website and publish them in our publications.

Be positive and thank legislators for their efforts to improve dentistry in Pennsylvania. Don’t berate them even if they voted against an issue PDA supports. It is important to build a positive relationship so that dentists aren’t accused of only talking to legislators “when they need something.”

Inform your legislator and his or her staff of the dental community’s varied initiatives in promoting oral health and serving the community at large. If you volunteer in an area clinic or in other ways, let your legislator know how this can help constituents who are in need of dental treatment.

Encourage your colleagues and spouse to attend Day on the Hill to strengthen dentistry’s voice in the legislative arena. Make arrangements to carpool to Harrisburg.

District and local dental societies are encouraged to rent transportation and travel together. Please consider coordinating with area dental schools. There are students from all three schools attending this event. Funding is available for districts renting transportation. Call the GR staff for more information.