



# LEGISLATIVE GRAND ROUNDS



**YOU** are the most powerful advocate in advancing the cause of physicians and patients in Tennessee. It is important to foster lasting relationships with your state lawmakers to build your credibility as a trusted resource. It is also important to have conversations that do not always lead to asking for something.

During the month of September, TMA is asking physicians across Tennessee to have dialogues in the district. There is no “ask,” simply an opportunity for you to introduce yourself or if you already have a relationship, an opportunity to catch up with your legislators in the district before the legislative session begins. The goal of this meeting is for you to become a known and trusted resource to the lawmakers.

## STEPS FOR SUCCESS:



### **Register with TMA**

**[Link to Form](#)**



### **Find Your State Legislators**

You have a **state** representative and a **state** senator that serves your district in the General Assembly. **[Find your Legislators](#)**



### **Schedule a Meeting**

Call or email your legislator and **identify yourself as a physician and constituent**, provide a couple of options for date and time for a 30-minute meeting. Weekend meetings are acceptable. Coffee invites are great! Clinic visits to meet you and your staff are great! If asked the reason or the meeting, simply state that you want to meet/get to know/catch up with your legislator.



### **During The Meeting**

Keep things conversational, think small talk. Introduce yourself, what you do, where you work, your family. Ask about their background, why they serve, their focus for the upcoming legislative session. The goal is not to talk issues, but they may be brought up by your legislator. If this happens, listen to legislator's questions and concerns and respond as well as you are able. If unsure, it is perfectly appropriate to follow up with information after the meeting.



### **Provide Feedback to TMA**

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### **Send Thank You to Legislator**

A handwritten note or sending an email thanking the legislator for the meeting is always appreciated. Be sure to include your card or best contact information.