



HILL DAY
June 2, 2017

AAKP was invited to represent kidney patients at Renal Physicians Association's (RPA) Capitol Hill Day on June 2, 2017

AAKP participants:

- Patient board members Richard Knight (Vice President), Dan Abel, and Dave White
- Patient advocates Bill Murray (DE), Kelly Cline and daughter Hannah Shelton (VA), Melissa Bensouda (MO), and Carlos Cristi (VA)
- Medical Advisory Board Chair Stephen Z. Fadem, MD
- Staff member Erin Kahle

RPA Director of Public Policy, Rob Blaser, kicked off the meeting Friday morning and Rep. Anthony Brown (MD-4) stopped by to speak to the group, invoking a sense of urgency to change the healthcare landscape.

Together, patients and nephrologists from 22 states visited Members of Congress to discuss the following legislative priorities:

1. Expanding access to home dialysis therapies through use of telehealth and related technologies through the CONNECT for Health Act (S. 1016) and CHRONIC Care Act of 2017 (S. 870).
2. The Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1270) which will prohibit insurance discrimination and include living donation under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
3. The CKD Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (H.R. 2644) which will expand kidney disease research, empower patient decision making and choice, and improve patient care and ensure quality outcomes.
4. Extending Medicare Coverage for Immunosuppressive Drugs for Kidney Transplant Patients. (Legislation has yet to be reintroduced in this Congress.)

Enjoy some photos from the event [on page 2!](#)



AAKP's Advocate Group



Patient Advocates Bill Murray, Hannah Shelton, and Kelly Cline



Carlos Cristi, Hannah Shelton, Staffer from Rep. Dave Brat's office, Kelly Cline, and Dr. Bowman



Board Members Dave White, Dan Abel, and Richard Knight



Erin Kahle with RPA advocates (NY nephrologists)



Capitol building