



# ***GSASC CALL TO ACTION***

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## ***LEGISLATIVE ALERT***

### **The 2009 Georgia Legislative Session Begins on Monday, January 12th**

**FROM - Sid Moore, M.D., GSASC Legislative Chair**

#### **Take Action And Get Involved:**

- **Contact your legislators!** It makes a difference if you contact your Representatives and Senators early in the session. Discuss the issues that are important to your practice, your patients, and your community. The 40-day legislative session marks the beginning of the two-year General Assembly. GSASC Leadership and the GSASC Government Affairs team anticipates action on the following issues during the session

#### ***Insurance***

Managed Care Reform  
Prompt Pay Reform  
Silent / Rental Networks Reform  
Medicaid Reimbursements

#### ***State Trauma System***

Trauma Network  
Trauma Funding

#### ***Practice Issues***

Patient Safety Legislation  
Protecting CON Reform  
Scope of Practice Expansion

#### ***Department of Human Resources (DHR) Re-organization***

Division of Public Health

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- **Be the “Doctor of the Day!”** The Medical Association of Georgia sponsors a “Medical Aid Station” in the Capitol with a staff nurse and volunteer physician. Each day the legislature is in session, a physician is needed to serve as the Doctor of the Day at the State Capitol. The physician is introduced in both the Senate and House Chambers. Take this opportunity to demonstrate that the House of Medicine is strong in Georgia and is willing to assist in the legislative process. Please contact our lobbyists, Lasa Joiner at [lasa@gsasc.org](mailto:lasa@gsasc.org) or Travis Lindley at [travis@gsasc.org](mailto:travis@gsasc.org) to help us fill the spaces.

**A Typical Day at the Capitol**

- You should arrive at the Capitol no later than 9:00 a.m. Plan to be at the Capitol from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., even though you may finish earlier.
- You will be introduced in both the House and the Senate chambers at the beginning of the Session Day.
- You are strongly encouraged to bring your “black bag” and a prescription pad.

*If you would like to participate please contact Lasa Joiner or Travis Lindley by January 16<sup>th</sup>.*

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- **Watch the General Assembly LIVE!** Each day that the General Assembly is in session you can watch the proceeding live via the internet at: <http://www.legis.state.ga.us/>. *Click the Live Broadcast option.* You can also watch the **Lawmakers** daily broadcast on Georgia Public Television each evening the General Assembly is in session.
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**ASC-GA PAC**

- **The ASC-GA PAC** – A special thanks to all GSASC members who have joined our PAC! The PAC is crucial to our legislative strategy and success. If you want more information on the PAC, please contact the Executive Office or contact Travis Lindley at [travis@gsasc.org](mailto:travis@gsasc.org).

**The ASC-GA PAC supported 53 candidates in 2007 and 2008; all of the candidates that the PAC supported won re-election in 2008. Thank you to everyone who supported this crucial effort over the last 2 years!**