



Developing Relationships

There are many simple and enjoyable ways you can get to know an elected official. Here are a few suggestions:

- ◆ Arrange to meet with your Legislator(s) in a relaxed atmosphere such as your home, office or a restaurant. Invite a few of your friends, neighbors and colleagues to join you. A specific issue isn't necessary. General conversation is a great way for you and your Legislator to get to know each other and establish a positive, lasting relationship. In addition to having an opportunity to express your views, it is a great opportunity to hear the views of YOUR politician.
- ◆ Invite a Legislator to address your hospital staff, annual or quarterly county medical society meeting, or civic club meetings.
- ◆ Offer your services as “advisor” to a legislator on health care issues. Give him or her your phone numbers, fax number and address. Encourage them to use you as a “resource” on any medical matters before the legislature.
- ◆ Use the legislator as a resource regarding state issues and politics. Ask questions to determine what they think about other, non-medical issues. This is especially important during election years.