



MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DC's COVID Heroes Advocacy Agenda 24th Council Session (2021-2022)

COVID-19 has shown how vital physicians are to public health. This document outlines key advocacy priorities for the physician community to best serve the public and make DC “the best place to practice medicine”.

To learn more or to become involved in our advocacy efforts, contact Robert Hay Jr. at 202-466-1800 or hay@msdc.org

Making the District the best place to practice medicine

Providing Quality Care to All

- Advocating for equitable health facilities and care in *all* Wards
- Promoting safe working conditions in medical facilities
- Speaking out for affordable care and appropriate insurance coverage for patients

Promoting Public Health

- Addressing structural racism in medicine
- Supporting the District's medical schools and training programs
- Protecting women's health and improving maternal outcomes

Protecting All Physician Practices

- Reforming medical liability laws
- Helping physicians with addiction and vicarious trauma and protecting them from retribution
- Ensuring medical roles are staffed by the appropriate professionals

Making Prescriptions Affordable

- Reducing opioid addiction using medically-sound policy
- Promoting affordable medication
- Reducing the cost-sharing burden on our patients, including low copays for prescriptions