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Statehouse Activities of Interest October 30, 2013

Make the most of your time at the Statehouse by participating in any or all of the following activities:

Conduct a "Drop-by" Visit

Sometimes, it is not possible to secure every meeting requested, as the Statehouse is a busy place, and legislator schedules can be somewhat hectic and unpredictable. Conduct a "drop-by" meeting by stopping in to the legislative office and asking to see if an aide is available to meet with you. You might be able to conduct an unscheduled meeting, but if not, you can still educate the office by leaving a business card and an informational packet on our issues.

Attend a Committee Hearing

Witness the committee process first-hand by attending a committee that is meeting. Fortunately, both the House and Senate Health Committees are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, so you'll get the opportunity to see the action in the committees that typically impact pharmacists the most. There will be other committees holding scheduled meetings as well. A complete schedule will be prepared and distributed in the packet you receive on Legislative Day.

Viewing House and Senate Session

If you are interested in watching a bill become a law, you could attend House or Senate Session. The House is scheduled to meet for legislative session at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. Session is held in the House Chamber which can be accessed from the Statehouse Rotunda.

The Senate is scheduled to meet for legislative session at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. Session is held in the Senate Chamber which can be accessed from the Statehouse Rotunda.

Tour the Statehouse

The Ohio Statehouse is a beautiful Greek Revival building that was completed in 1861 and completely restored in the 1990s. Guided tours are offered Monday through Friday on the hour from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours are approximately 45-60 minutes in length. Tours depart from the Map Room easily accessible from the Third Street entrance. Visitors are welcome to drop in at least five minutes before the hour. Groups of 10 or more are requested to call in advance to assure a guide is available for your group. If you have already scheduled your legislative appointments, and have a free window of time for a tour with a large group of your fellow pharmacists, call (614) 728-2695 for more information or to schedule a group tour.

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