

ASCO's Advocacy Activities

ASCO members have numerous opportunities to advocate at the federal and state level on behalf of patients with cancer. These activities include grassroots advocacy; direct advocacy; engaging in grassroots advocacy; speaking on behalf of ASCO at Congressional briefings or hearings; and contributing to the ASCO Association Political Action Committee (PAC). We are pleased to recognize the following ASCO volunteers who exemplified cancer care advocacy in 2023.



- **Grassroots Advocacy:** Actions taken by a group to contact elected officials online, on the phone, or by mail.
- **Direct Advocacy:** Actions include face-to-face meetings with elected officials or their staff.
- **Grasstops Advocacy:** Utilizing pre-existing relationships with lawmakers to advance ASCO's priorities.

Advocate of the Year: Jason Westin, MD, MS, FACP



Dr. Westin has served ASCO as an invaluable advocate for cancer care professionals and their patients. His run for Congress in 2017, his service on and leadership of the ASCO Government Relations Committee during the past 5 years, and his role as an inaugural member of the ASCO Association PAC Advisory Council demonstrate his dedication to advocacy. In 2023, Dr. Westin represented oncology professionals from around the country in his testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on the ongoing drug shortages crisis. He has become a trusted resource for lawmakers and their staff in communicating how policies will impact cancer patients in their districts and states. In addition to Congressional testimony, Dr. Westin contacted his lawmakers via the ACT Network, participated in the Advocacy Summit and federal agency meetings, actively engaged on social media, and contributed to the ASCO Association PAC — all underscoring his commitment to advancing cancer policies through advocacy. He currently serves as Past Chair of ASCO's Government Relations Committee.

Dr. Westin is the Director of the Lymphoma Clinical Research Program, Section Chief for Aggressive Lymphoma, and Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in the Department of Lymphoma and Myeloma. He earned his medical degree from the University of Florida, completed his residency at the University of North Carolina, and his fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

President's Circle

ASCO advocates who participate in 4 or more of ASCO's advocacy activities, including the ACT Network and at least 2 activities involving meetings with lawmakers.

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Speaker's Circle

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