

SLEEP MEDICINE FORUM

You are invited to attend a Congressional Forum on Sleep Medicine

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | 121 Cannon House Office Building

Sponsored by Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-IL)

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) will conduct a forum on sleep medicine to highlight the importance of sleep and sleep research. Join us for lunch and hear from an expert panel that will address:

- What it takes to be a sleep medicine specialist and the role of the AASM – *Dr. Strollo*;
- The relationship between sleep and -- comorbid medical conditions (heart disease, obesity, diabetes, stroke, PTSD and more); public health issues, such as auto accidents; and learning ability for school children – *Dr. Collop*;
- The importance of sleep related research – *Dr. Walsh*; and
- Fatigue management, a particularly relevant topic for Capitol Hill – *Dr. Dinges*.

Patrick Strollo, MD, FAASM - Associate Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, Co-Director of the University of Pittsburgh Sleep Medicine Institute, Medical Director of the UPMC Sleep Medicine Center, and Director of the Office of Clinical Research for the Schools of Allied Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Strollo is the President of AASM.

Nancy Collop, MD, FAASM - Director of the Emory School of Medicine Sleep Center, and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine at the Emory School of Medicine. Dr. Collop is the President-Elect of the AASM.

James Walsh, PhD, FAASM - Executive Director of the Sleep Medicine and Research Center at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Saint Louis University, and Visiting Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Stanford University. Dr. Walsh is the President of the Sleep Research Society (SRS).

David Dinges, PhD - Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, Chief of the Division of Sleep and Chronobiology in the Department of Psychiatry, and Associate Director of the Center for Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Dinges previously served as President of the SRS, and is the Editor-in-Chief of *SLEEP*, the leading scientific journal on sleep research and sleep medicine.

As the leading voice in the field of sleep medicine, the AASM sets standards and promotes excellence in sleep education, research and clinical care. Established in 1975, the AASM has a membership of 1,382 sleep centers, and over 8,500 physicians, researchers and other health care professionals. The AASM establishes quality standards for sleep centers and 2,222 sleep care facilities hold AASM accreditation.

The AASM and our members thank Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-IL) for making this event possible.

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