

Ostomy Advocacy and You in 2019!

<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <p>Join UOAA's Advocacy Network to sign-up for action alerts and advocacy news. It's the start of the 116th Congress! Learn about our 2019 Federal priorities in the coming weeks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> <p>Share with us your personal experiences with any access issues you have had for ostomy supplies or medical professionals such as a WOC Nurse on ostomy.org. (#MyAccessMatters)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p>Check out our webpage for any new action alerts and take action!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <p>We need your help. Spread the word about UOAA. Broadcast with details will be sent to advocates in Network.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>Schedule a summer meeting with your legislators. We can help you create leave behind materials.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>Get ready for your meetings by learning tips for communicating with elected officials in our Ostomy Champion toolkit.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>Submit a request to your local town/city elected officials or state representatives for a proclamation declaring October 5, 2019 as National Ostomy Awareness Day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>Attend the "Advocacy Session" at UOAA's National Conference in Philadelphia between August 6-10, 2019.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper to raise ostomy awareness. We will provide you with a sample template to make it easy to do!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <p>Celebrate Ostomy Awareness Day on October 5, 2019 in ways such as attending a Run for Resilience Ostomy 5k event.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>Support advocacy work by making a donation to the Advocacy Fund in the UOAA year-end appeal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>Year in Review! Join a national call with volunteers in the Advocacy Network to hear UOAA 2019 advocacy accomplishments and share your own success stories. Have the chance to offer input for 2020 priorities!</p>

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