



Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) visits with DDNC advocates.

## 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DIGESTIVE DISEASE NATIONAL COALITION

### PUBLIC POLICY FORUM AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER FORUM

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009  
WASHINGTON, DC

### *MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND NOW*

On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> the Digestive Disease National Coalition (DDNC) will host its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Policy Forum and Institutional Member Forum (PPF) at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC.

With a new Congress comes a new set of national priorities, and fortunately, comprehensive healthcare reform is currently of particular interest to legislators. Regardless of whether you're a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent, you must make your voice heard on Capitol Hill to ensure that any upcoming reforms improve health outcomes for the digestive disease patient community.

This year's PPF will feature key digestive health experts from the US Department of Health and Human Services and prominent voices in the healthcare reform debate. In addition, advocacy training sessions will take place to brief participants on the messages that we will be bringing to legislators and how to effectively engage members of Congress. As an added bonus, patient advocates who travel to Capitol Hill will have the opportunity to meet with some of the digestive health champions in Congress during the annual DDNC Awards Luncheon.

If you are interested in attending this year's PPF, please fill out the online registration form. Additionally, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Phoenix Park Hotel for PPF participants; single rooms cost \$229 a night and double rooms cost \$259 (you are responsible for paying for your own room). To secure the group rate, please call 1-800-824-5419 or 202-638-6900 and identify yourself as a member of the Digestive Disease National Coalition or use Group Code 12866.

We look forward to seeing you in March!



Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) visits with a DDNC advocate.



Former Congressman Al Wynn (D-MD) visits with DDNC advocates.