

AGENDA

(As of 02/27/23)

7:30AM – 8:30AM Registration and Breakfast

8:30AM - 9:00AM Welcome

- Susan Van Meter, President, ACLA
- William G. Morice II, MD, PhD, Board Chair of ACLA and President & CEO, Mayo Clinic Laboratories

9:00AM – 10:00AM Keynote Speaker: Robert Costa

Robert Costa is a widely respected national political correspondent and the co-author of "Peril" with Bob Woodward, the # 1 New York Times bestseller that revealed how key political leaders responded to crisis moments during the final days of the Trump administration and the first year of the Biden administration.

10:00AM – 10:10AM Election of ACLA Board of Directors

Joyce Gresko, ACLA Legal Counsel and Partner, Alston & Bird

10:10AM - 10:55AM Ensuring Patients Get the Tests They Need: A Discussion with Payers

Public and private payer representatives will discuss shifting requirements for obtaining test coverage and ensuring patient access in an evolving payer landscape.

Moderator:

Joyce Gresko, ACLA Legal Counsel and Partner, Alston & Bird

Panelists:

- Gabriel Bien-Willner, MD, PhD, CMO, Palmetto GBA, Medical Director, MolDX
- Lon Castle, MD, CMO, Molecular Genetics and Personalized Medicine, eviCore Healthcare
- Geoffrey B. Crawford, MD, MS, Staff Vice President of Medical Policy, Elevance Health

10:55AM – 11:40AM The Evolving Regulatory Environment

Experts discuss the regulatory landscape for laboratory diagnostics and how it may evolve over the next few years.

Moderator:

Scott Danzis, Partner, Covington & Burling

Panelists:

- Jeff Allen, PhD, President and CEO, Friends of Cancer Research
- Elizabeth Hillebrenner, Associate Director for Scientific and Regulatory Programs, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration
- Lauren Silvis, Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Tempus



11:40AM - 12:00PM

Break

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Lunch Panel – The Need for a National Diagnostics Response Plan

Experts from the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Capitol Hill, and ACLA will discuss the need for a national diagnostics response plan as Congress begins efforts to reauthorize the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA).

Moderator:

Wade Ackerman, Partner, Covington & Burling

Panelists:

- Gigi Gronvall, PhD, Senior Scholar, Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security and Associate Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Sujeet Rao, Former Senior Advisor, White House COVID-19 Response Team
- Susan Van Meter, President, ACLA

1:00PM - 1:45PM

View from Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill regulars sound off on health care and other issues and what to expect over the next year from Congress.

Moderators:

- Mark Rayder, Senior Policy Advisor, Alston & Bird
- Holly Grosholz, Director of Government Affairs, ACLA

Panelists:

- Jay Gulshen, Health Advisor, House Ways and Means Committee Health Subcommittee, Majority Staff
- Amy Hall, Staff Director, House Ways and Means Committee Health Subcommittee, Minority Staff
- Mary Moody, Health Policy Director, Office of Senator Bill Cassidy, Ranking Member of Senate HELP Committee
- Conor Sheehey, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Mike Crapo, Ranking Member of Senate Finance Committee

1:45PM - 2:00PM

Break



2:00PM - 2:45PM

Innovations in Diagnostics

A panel of forward-thinking innovators and investors discuss how access to diagnostics and delivery of laboratory services are evolving with the arrival of advanced technologies, artificial intelligence, and home testing.

Moderator:

Ipsita Smolinski, Founder/Managing Director, Capitol Street

Panelists:

- Nathan A. Brown, Partner, Akin Gump
- Chuck Cooper, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics
- Jon Wood, Vice President and Investment Analyst, T. Rowe Price Associates

2:45PM - 3:15PM

Remarks: Dr. Renee Wegrzyn, Director of ARPA-H

Dr. Renee Wegrzyn serves as the first director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), appointed in October 2022, by President Biden. Wegrzyn also worked for over a decade at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), where she leveraged the tools of synthetic biology and gene editing to enhance biosecurity, support the domestic bioeconomy, and thwart biothreats.

3:15PM - 4:00PM

CMS Town Hall

Representatives from the Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sit down for a chat and questions from the audience about all things reimbursement and what the Agency is doing support innovations in policy and health care delivery.

Moderator:

Adam Borden, Senior Vice President of Policy and Strategy, ACLA

Panelists:

- Elizabeth Truong, Division Director, Coverage and Analysis Group at CMS
- Purva Rawal, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer at the CMS Innovation Center
- Carol Blackford, Director, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group at CMS

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Reception