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Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) To Get Wider Platform

A comprehensive profile of Oregon senior Senator Ron Wyden is worth reading for several reasons. First, he is expected to be the new Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Second, he is the prime sponsor of the ASCA legislation that seeks to change reimbursement methodology. Third, all healthcare legislation goes through the Senate Finance Committee.

[Click here to read the article 'Senator Ron Wyden to get wider platform,' written by John McKinnon, Wall Street Journal, Jan 13, 2014.](#)

The Oregon Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, in partnership with ASCA, has built a strong relationship with Senator Wyden and his staff. Dr. Richard Edelson, Co-Chair of the OASCAPAC is a 30 year friend and supporter of the Senator. The Senator and his staff has taken a great deal of time to learn the ASC issues, and he was the keynote speaker at the OASCA annual conference in 2012 where he received the American Eagle Award for Leadership .

"The relationship built with Senator Wyden is an example of the importance of working closely with between the state association and ASCA and the contribution physicians can make in creating positive public policy", stated Rob Schwartz of Strategic Resources



OASCAPAC Chair Ira Weintraub, MD and Co-Chair Rich Edelson, MD w/ Senator Wyden

At the Table or on the Menu? How to Influence Healthcare Policy in Washington D.C.

Dr. Richard Edelson MD MS., Orthopedic surgeon, OASCAPAC CO-Chair and MedPAC candidate discussed the importance of physician involvement to help change policy for the better for our industry. He remarked that the importance of a basic relationship with your local association and your national association is the place to start. He emphasized the need for a well thought out strategy in order to make the process as easy as possible for the physician involved. Edelson highlighted that every physician has the time to get involved regardless of how many endeavors they have going .

