

Henry Schein Medical helps champion the advancement of ambulatory surgery centers



Mandy Hawkins and Scott Jackson, Advocacy Day 2023.



Congressman Joe Wilson, Advocacy Day 2023.

Henry Schein Medical recently participated in the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association's (ASCA) National Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. as part of Henry Schein's commitment to amplify the value of ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) and their role in helping to drive down health care costs and deliver quality patient care.

In an effort to build relationships with the policy-makers who make the decisions that directly impact the ambulatory surgery center community and its patients, Scott Jackson, vice president of surgical solutions at Henry Schein, along with 91 members of the ASC community representing 31 different states, met with representatives and their health staff to discuss the issues that are currently impacting ASCs and their patients. In particular, meetings addressed the Outpatient Surgery Quality and Access Act of 2023, which, if enacted, will ensure Medicare beneficiaries' continued access to high-quality outpatient surgery.

"Ambulatory surgery centers have such a positive impact on the health care ecosystem, and being able to stand alongside ASCs to advocate on behalf of the surgery center community in the United States was an incredible experience," said Jackson. "It is important that ASCs



Rep. Nancy Mace, Advocacy Day 2023.

have their voices heard. By working together on the federal, state, and local levels, we can create change, and help make an impact on legislation that will elevate and advance the ASC industry."

According to ASCA, approximately 6,100 Medicare-certified ASCs provide care to America's patients across the country. ASCA's 2023 National Advocacy Day event was the first in-person event of its kind since 2019. **rep**