



Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus

Co-Chairs Congressmen Michael McCaul & Chris Van Hollen



The [Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus](#) will be hosting its second annual Childhood Cancer Summit on Friday September 23, 2011 at the Capitol Visitors Center Auditorium, Washington D.C. Co-chaired by [Representative Michael McCaul \(R-TX\)](#) and [Representative Chris Van Hollen \(D-MD\)](#), the bi-partisan caucus provides a forum for Members of Congress and their staff to come together to raise awareness of the unique needs surrounding childhood cancer, as well as highlight associated legislative opportunities. The American Childhood Cancer Organization will be attending this important meeting.

As ACCO families, we ask that you please contact your U.S. House Representative and their staff encouraging them to attend. Also, if your representative is not a member of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, please encourage them to become a member so that they can be better equipped to advocate on behalf of this cause that has personally impacted your family. To obtain contact information for the Member of Congress in your District, please refer to <http://www.congressmerge.com/onlinedb/>. To see if they are currently a member of the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus, kindly refer to <http://childhoodcancer-mccaul.house.gov/membership-list>

EVENT: Childhood Cancer Caucus Summit

LOCATION: Capitol Visitors Center (CVC) Auditorium, located beneath the East Front plaza of the U.S. Capitol at First and East Capitol Street. http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/getting_to_the_capitol/

DATE: Friday, September 23, 2011

TIME: 8:30 - 10:00 AM EST

The following individuals will be this year's speakers:

- **Dr. Peter Adamson MD**, Chair of Children's Oncology Group (COG). Dr. Adamson will focus on the reauthorization of the [Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act \(BPCA\)](#) and the [Pediatric Research Equity Act \(PREA\)](#), highlighting his recommendations for changes that would benefit childhood cancer drug development.
- **Nancy Goodman**, Executive Director of Kids V Cancer and mom to Jacob. Nancy will update the Members on the [Creating Hope Act](#) and discuss incentives for pediatric cancer drug development.

- **Dr. Eugenie Kleinerman MD**, Professor and Chair of the Division of Pediatrics at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and internationally recognized expert in sarcomas. Dr. Kleinerman will talk about the unique needs of pediatric drug development in relation to the current model of adult cancer clinical trial application to treat children and adolescents with cancer.
- **Dr. Ron Portman MD**, Chair of the Pediatric Center of Excellence, Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS), Chair of BIO's Pediatric Drug Development Committee and recognized as one of the Best Pediatricians in America. Dr. Portman will provide insight into the pharmaceutical industry's perspective on childhood cancer drug development.

**** Families who will be in the DC area are welcome to attend this open meeting. No prior registration is required. ACCO looks forward to seeing many of you there. Please note that this meeting is not combined with pre-scheduled Hill meetings.**