



Mike Haynes and Willie Lanier discuss prostate cancer awareness with Rep. Glenn Nye (D-VA).

AUA Foundation Advocates for Prostate Cancer Awareness on Capitol Hill

In March the AUA and the AUA Foundation had a strong presence on Capitol Hill advocating for vital urologic health issues and elevating awareness with key members of Congress.

Pro Football Hall of Famers Mike Haynes and Willie Lanier, who are members of Team Haynes and part of our Know Your Stats about Prostate Cancer campaign, traveled to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress, advocating their support of legislation aimed at promoting prostate cancer awareness and research. The legislation they were advocating for seeks to effectively and cost efficiently increase access and reduce disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer, particularly for underserved racial, ethnic and rural populations, through improvements in testing, outreach, education, imaging, comparative effectiveness and telemedicine.

In addition, the AUA Foundation, the National Football League and members of Team Haynes attended a Congressional Reception in March. The team members mingled with members of Congress at this high-profile event.

Prostate Cancer Screening Topic for Congressional Hearing

A call for increased research and vigilance in the way physicians diagnose and treat prostate cancer was the key message at hearings in March in Washington, DC, where the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a special hearing on the topic, with special testimony from prostate cancer advocacy groups and key opinion leaders in the field, including urologist and AUA member James Mohler, MD, of Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and American Cancer Society (ACS)

Chief Medical Officer Otis Brawley, MD. The hearing, which was well attended by prostate cancer advocates and survivors, brought light to the challenges facing patients and the physicians who treat them.

The hearing followed the March 3 release of a new American Cancer Society guideline on early prostate cancer detection, which places an increased focus on informed patient decision-making and discourages community-based screening events at which patients may not be able to engage in a comprehensive discussion with a physician about their prostate cancer risk.



Mike Haynes, Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Willie Lanier, and Dr. Robert Bass of Louisiana.