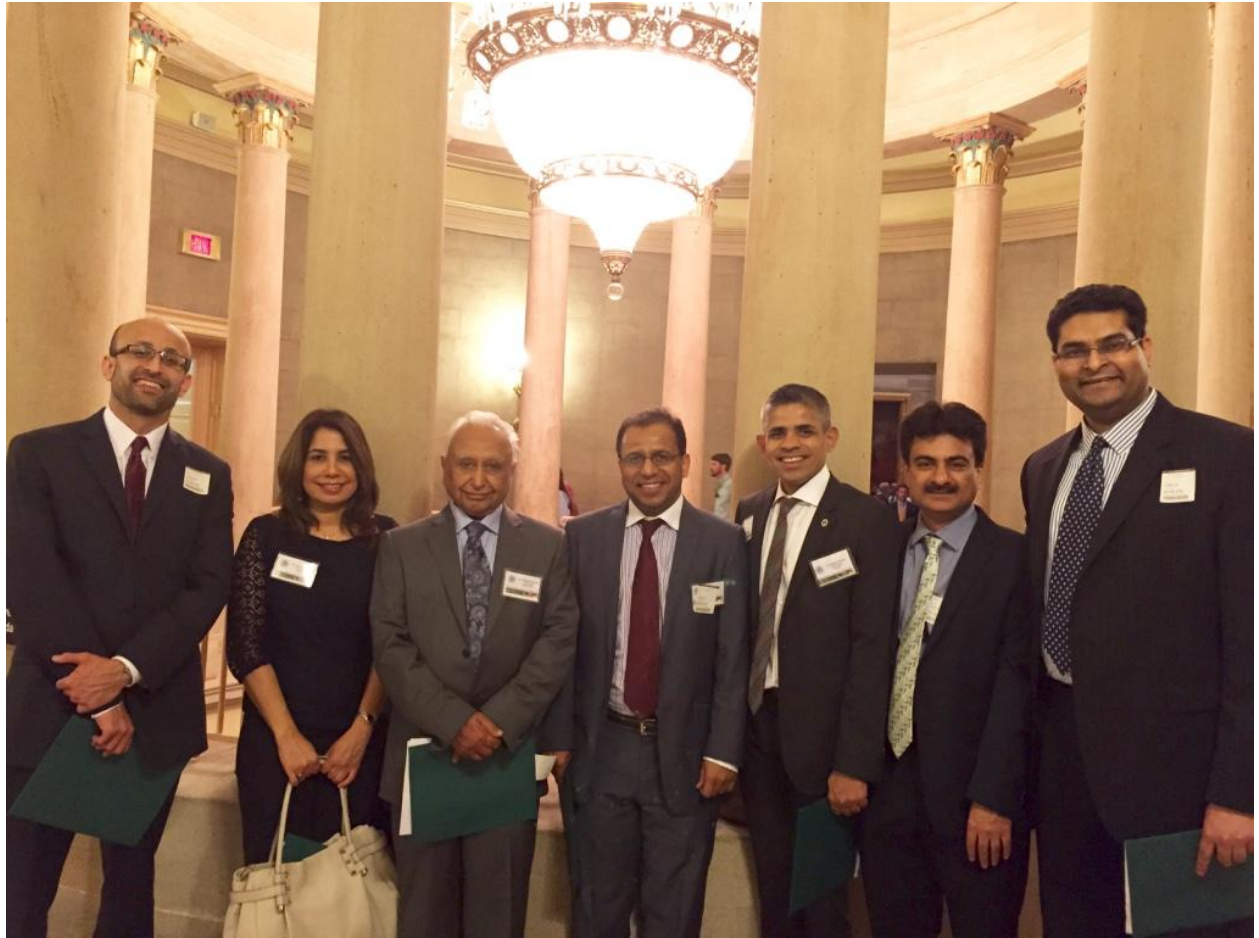


APPNA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 2015

Due to collaborative efforts of APPNA Advocacy and Young Physician Committees, helped resolve visa issues of over 180 young physicians. All of them got their visas cleared.

Memorable Moments from 'Day on the Hill' and Visit to US State Department- April 30th, 2015









APPNA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 2017

This year, a record number of 34 J-1 visa refusals were reported to us. Moreover, over 60 visa cases went into administrative process. A ‘Visa Issues Task Force’ was formulated under Dr. Iqbal. A ‘multi-prong approach’ was adopted mount pressure at the administrative, legislative, and media levels. Each task was taken care by 1-2 YPC members. An online data collection system was created at www.appna.org under ‘visa issues helpline’. YPC worked in close collaboration with Advocacy and Legislative Affairs Committee. Expert immigration attorneys held educational webinars. All 34 J-1 refusal cases were reviewed and prepared for interview by one of the immigration attorneys. 30 out of 34 initial J-1 visa refusals were reversed. All 60 plus cases in administrative process were cleared.

- **34 J-1 visa refusals, while over 60 went into administrative process**
- **Collaborative efforts of Young Physician & Advocacy Committees**
 - **Adopted ‘multi-prong approach’**
 - **Almost all visa refusals reversed and cleared**

Memorable Moments from ‘Day on the Hill’ and Visit to US State Department- May 17th, 2017





APPNA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 2019 and onwards

APPNA Advocacy Committee continued working on a multi-prong approach by communicating with US State Department, US Embassy in Pakistan, ECFMG, Health Ministry of Pakistan, and PMDC. Everyone who got matched, was able to secure a visa.

Memorable Moments from our last in-person ‘Day on the Hill’, Visit to US State Department as well as Pakistan Embassy- May 1st, 2019



