



HEALTHCARE +
LIFE SCIENCES
SECTORS



Health Care, Life Sciences + the Chamber



The **SEATTLE METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** works to support specific industry clusters in our region as key building blocks of the economy. We recognize the unique needs and issues faced by distinct industries, and we work with our member companies to provide events and advocacy that serves them best. In addition to all the visibility, cost-saving and access benefits of membership, the Chamber engages in the **HEALTH CARE + LIFE SCIENCE** industries in a number of ways.

Relevant Events + Programs

- 2015 Executive Speaker Series on healthcare
- Host of the annual Virginia Mason-Chamber Golf Classic
- 2014 Intercity Study Mission to New York City focused on life sciences and healthcare innovation
- 2014 Alaska Business Forum, “Delivering Healthcare in Alaska: the past, present and future”
- 2014 International Leadership Mission to Vietnam explored the global health ties between Washington State and Vietnam
- 2013 International Leadership Mission to Paris, France explored the healthcare system in France

Relevant Policy Efforts

- Advocating preservation of R&D tax credits at the state and federal level
- Chamber President & CEO chairs the Washington Student Achievement Council, focused on aligning the state’s education system with workforce projections
- Leading advocate for high skill immigration reform at the federal level
- Leading effort out of the 2013 and 2014 Regional Leadership Conferences to increase our region’s capacity to deliver more STEM degrees
- Advocacy at the state level to increase funding for and access to STEM degrees
- Supported federal grant funding for a new STEM Education Innovation Alliance
- Leading member of the working group for the Washington Global Health Alliance’s Global Health Nexus initiative
- Successfully worked with City of Seattle officials to prevent taxation of NIH grants
- Advocated for zoning changes that support

greater density in healthcare and life science locations in Seattle

- Advocated for improvements in the City of Seattle’s mandatory sick leave and criminal background check laws
- Chamber President & CEO served on King County Healthcare Enrollment Leadership Circle

Examples of Chamber members in this sector

- Delta Dental of Washington
- Group Health Cooperative
- Novo Nordisk
- PATH
- Philips Healthcare
- Premera Blue Cross
- Regence
- Seattle Children’s
- Swedish Medical Center
- United Healthgroup
- UW Medicine
- Virginia Mason

Ready to learn more about Chamber membership? Contact the Chamber’s Business Development + Outreach team today!

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