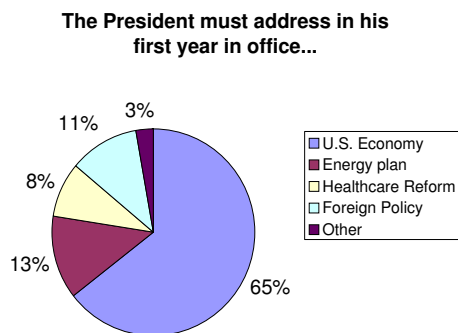


Advice to New President

Even before the November 4 election and as the U.S. economy began a precipitous tailspin, political pundits began speculating about what issues the new president should address in the early days of his presidency—if not sooner. During that time LocumTenens.com decided to find out what issues were on the minds of America's physicians. In October 2008 we received 1,457 responses to a two-question survey regarding the top issue area he should address in his first year in office (multiple-choice) and their advice to the new president (open-ended).



Considering our timing, it's no surprise that among 150 anesthesiologists responding to the LocumTenens.com survey, almost two-thirds (65%) indicated the U.S. economy was the most pressing year-one issue. However, it's interesting to note that physicians are not that different from many other Americans who were concerned about many issues beyond their own careers and industries as the 2008 election neared. Highlights of their open-ended comments follow.

What advice would you offer to the president regarding his first 100 days in office?

*"Rome wasn't built in a day."
-- Anesthesiologist, Kansas*

U.S. Economy

"We need to eliminate the pork barrel spending and fix Medicare/Medicaid or these individually. We won't be able to get great care due to the low reimbursement. Charge Iraq for our troops keeping the peace there and put that money towards reducing the deficit."

-- Anesthesiologist, Iowa

"Stop spending and start new. Cut ALL extra programs. Add items back on an as-needed basis in small increments, only increase funding after proof of need and proof of efforts to decrease costs."

-- Anesthesiologist, Texas

Energy

"Pass energy bills such as drilling, building nuclear plants, and mandating Sunbelt state's homes to use solar energy."

-- Anesthesiologist, Connecticut

"The best thing for America is to drag itself kicking and screaming away from oil dependence. This will create new jobs, keep our money here, make our highways safer, and disarm the terrorists."

-- Anesthesiologist, South Carolina

"You can multi-task by solving the oil crisis, economic problems and environmental problems and job losses by investing in clean energy and alternative fuel vehicles made here in the United States."

-- Anesthesiologist, California

What advice would you offer to the president regarding his first 100 days in office? *Continued*

Healthcare Reform

“Health insurance coverage for all. Better reimbursement of medical bills. Avoid third-party agencies.”

-- *Anesthesiologist, Ohio*

“Use caution in overhauling medical reform into a semi- or fully socialized system, given the pronounced inefficiencies of other government-run institutions.”

-- *Anesthesiologist, Texas*

U.S Foreign Policy

“Jump right in implementing those policy changes you've proposed. Execute a plan to remove all but a minimal contingent of combat troops from Iraq within six months so we can start employing the \$10 billion a month spent over there back here.”

-- *Anesthesiologist, New Jersey*

“Stop the war and focus on the economy and developing alternative sources of energy– spending on these types of projects rather than the war.”

-- *Anesthesiologist, Pennsylvania*

“Reduce our expenses in Iraq with troop draw down and stop funding base construction in Iraq. Invest in jobs in the US.”

-- *Anesthesiologist, California*

*“Listen to experienced advisors, read as much as possible daily,
give yourself time each morning to plan agenda advances,
visit Congress as much as possible, and take care of self to be healthy.”*

-- Anesthesiologist, Georgia



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