

OIF Advocacy in Action

Tracy Smith Hart Meets with Key Capitol Hill Legislators December 2, 2014

On December 2, 2014, OIF Chief Executive Officer Tracy Smith Hart was joined by OIF Board Member Eric Gould and Advocate Allison Schwartz for a day-long series of meetings with congressional staff on Capitol Hill. Meetings were held with House and Senate offices that represent districts and states with Linked Clinical Research Centers (LCRC) - a nationwide network designed to provide the highest-quality of standardized medical care for people living with OI.

Tracy, Eric and Allison educated congressional staff about the importance of the LCRCs and discussed an NIH award announced in October 2014 of \$6.25 million to the OIF and its partners to lead the Brittle Bone Disorders Rare Disease Clinical Research Consortium.