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Open letter from our President Michael L. Richter, MD:

I want to welcome the new officers and at the same time, say thank you to those that served last year. As most of you know, being a physician in New York has become more and more difficult. Dealing with insurance companies' obtuse rules for submitting claims, regulatory requirements and hurdles such as meaningful use, PCMH, PQRS reporting, E-prescribing, and I-stop. Maintenance of certification has made the administrative tasks of practicing medicine extraordinarily burdensome.

Whereas physicians formally were attending CME's in medical topics, we are now spending time learning how to comply with meaningful use, updating our servers when window XP was no longer supported and trying to get paid by insurance companies for work that was already done. One study showed that physicians now spend on average 16 % of their working hours on administrative tasks and the trend continues upwards. With this upward trend comes a downward trend in physician satisfaction with their careers.

My primary goal in the next 12 months aside of increasing membership, is to offer physicians help with attaining MU, becoming medical homes, to continue to fight against the undue burden and expense of MOC. I want to use our meetings to teach physicians about all the new screening codes and how to use them; to teach how to implement and bill for Annual Wellness visits; especially, how to implement Chronic Care Management as an integral part of medical practice.

We have set up various lectures that will help us attain these goals. Presentations will be made by NYC REACH, the NYCDOH branch that helps doctors keep abreast of the changing regulations, as well as presentations by other experts in our field. We need to make our monthly meetings meaningful and worthwhile to all. Of course, no one stands alone, so I am reaching out to all our members for ideas, input and constructive criticism.

Looking forward to seeing you become more active and have a presence in all of our meetings. MLR, MD

Save the Date:

The **208th Annual Gala and Physicians Expo will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 6:00PM** at Terrance on the Park, Queens, NY. At that time, we will honor our Immediate Past President Deborah S. Blenner, MD as well as community leader. Please call the office for further details.

Summer Hours:

Monday to Thursday – 9AM to 4PM

Friday – 9AM to 1PM

Friday 1PM to 4PM – phone coverage only.

Respectfully submitted by

Councilor, Saulius J. Skeivys, MD, and
Evangeline Rosado-Tripp, ED