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Dr. Joseph R. Maldonado  
President  
Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY)  
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Dear Dr. Maldonado:

The New York State Department of Health is sponsoring a series of Grand Rounds for health care professionals, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants, in New York State. This series is geared towards private and group practices that otherwise would not have access to Grand Rounds. The Commissioner's Grand Rounds for fiscal year 2015 – 2016 will address topics such as the End of AIDS Epidemic Campaign, Digital Health, Sepsis, and Organ Donation. The first in the series is a video on the End of Epidemic that will be released by the end of September. Subsequent events will take place throughout New York State on weekday evenings, approximately once every two months.

The Grand Rounds will offer an opportunity to hear from subject matter experts about issues relevant to the practice of primary care practitioners and the health of all New Yorkers. The presentations will include information about the history and epidemiology of relevant health topics, as well as current best practices that are supported by evidence-based medicine. A goal of the program is to bridge communication gaps to private and group practices, so that all New York State practitioners have access to timely and evidence-based information that can improve patient care.

MSSNY is a leading medical trade association in New York State, and, as such, we are seeking your co-sponsorship of this important initiative. The commitment of your organization to promoting high standards in medical education and the practice of medicine aligns with the goals of the program. Co-sponsorship by MSSNY will improve the ability of the Commissioner's Grand Rounds to provide timely and relevant health information to as many New York State physicians as possible.

We would be happy to provide additional details at your request, and look forward to your reply. Please feel free to contact Charles John Gonzalez, M.D., Associate Medical Director for Science and Policy/OMD, AIDS Institute, at 212-417-4514, with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Howard Zucker M.D.*

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