MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- **MSSNY THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT FALL RETREAT:**
  By the time you read this report we will have held the annual fall retreat of the MSSNY Third and Fourth Districts. Attendance is anticipated to be good and we have a full and comprehensive agenda. We are also pleased that Dr. Maldonado and key MSSNY staff are able to attend. I will report further at the next MSSNY Council meeting.

- **NYMGMA MEETING:**
  The Albany area chapter of the New York Medical Group Management Association and the Medical Societies of Albany and Ulster Counties held a joint meeting in October that featured a panel discussion on the impact of the changed practice environment in the Capital District. The focus was primarily on the management of practices that have merged with other practices or have become part of a large hospital network. We were pleased to have two key speakers: Mr. William Henderson representing the Albany Medical Center, and Mr. Kevin Dwyer representing Albany Cardiothoracic Surgeons which, albeit still a private practice, is contracted with St. Peter's Health Partners. The presentations were insightful on any number of fronts. Mr. Henderson discussed at length in having to adjust to a different culture while at the same time employees under his supervision had to become adjusted to him. Mr. Dwyer reviewed the history of his practice that at one time covered four hospitals in the region and is now limited to one. In conclusion, both expressed optimism going forward, particularly in terms of physician recruitment and retention.

  The next meeting of the NYMGMA will be in January and will be a post-holiday social event.

- **ST. PETER’S HEALTH PARTNERS MEDICAL ASSOCIATES:**
  We are in the process of registering as members the physicians of St. Peter's Health Partners Medical Associates. Back in August MSSNY held ICD 10 training sessions at St. Peter's hospital which, according to post-session surveys, were very well received. We extend our gratitude to Eunice Skelly and her staff for arranging those efforts.

- **NY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS/ULSTER CMS:**
  The Medical Society the County of Ulster, Inc. will be cohosting a one-hour CME program being presented by the Hudson Valley Central District of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. The event will be taking place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Ship Lantern Inn Restaurant. The topics of discussion will center on treatment for Hepatitis C and opioid dependence. I will provide a summary report that the next Council meeting.