

Medical Society of the State of New York

Report of the 9th District Branch

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The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9th District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess; Orange; Putnam; Rockland and Westchester.

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9th District Branch of MSSNY as reported by County:

Dutchess County Medical Society (DCMS)

- The Dutchess County Medical Society (DCMS) will be hosting a teaching day on March 31, 2016 at the Grandview. DCMS will be working with the NYS Department of Health-AIDS Institute, who are promoting a new Clinical Education Initiative. A CME program will be presented on HIV clinical guidelines for adult care, prevention, mental health, post exposure prophylaxis, and much more. There will also be a presentation from Kern, Augustine, Conroy and Shoppman as well as local presentations from non-profit agencies. The event will be free to all member-physicians, and nominal fee for non-physicians.
- DCMS will also be assisting the Clinical Education Initiative in promoting their hotline that provides access to a specialist to discuss case-based HIV/HCV, STD, PEP/PrEP patient care; as well as their website for CE online and other educational resources.
- In May, DCMS will be hosting an Annual Meeting, celebrating four recipients of the 50 Year Citation.
- DCMS will be joining MLMIC in developing its new website with the Partners in Innovation Project. Final details are underway.

Putnam County Medical Society (PCMS)

- On Wednesday, February 10 PCMS held a business meeting at Primavera Restaurant in Croton Falls, NY. About 20 people attended the meeting. We had updates from Moe Auster (MSSNY) who spoke about the current legislative issues. Moe encouraged all of the PCMS members in attendance to attend Lobby Day on March 8. PCMS also heard updated from Dr. Thomas Lee regarding WCMS events and upcoming meetings. As always, Dr. Lee encouraged the PCMS members to participate in all WCMS meetings and events.

Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS)

- The second and third meetings of the 9th District Delegation to MSSNY were held on Tuesday, January 19 and Thursday, February 4 at WCMS. This was part of a series of meetings held to prepare for the MSSNY House of Delegates meeting, April 15-17, 2016 in Tarrytown, NY.
- On Tuesday, February 16 several WCMS members were asked to participate in a student education session at New York Medical College. The panel of WCMS physicians was asked to

speak to the students about the future of medicine, career options, and legislative issues. About 50 students were in attendance for the informative and lively discussion.

- WCMS has been preparing for Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 8 by sending to all of its members all correspondence and advertising for the day. We have made several appointments with our State Assembly and Senate members. We are continuing to encourage all of our physicians to join us in Albany.
- WCMS has been approached by White Plains hospital to discuss Institutional Membership. A conference call with Phil Schuh, MSSNY EVP; Kira Geraci, MD; Eunice Skelly MSSNY VP of Membership; Richard Weinstein, MD (WPH); Michael Schoppmann, Esq.; and Janine Miller, WCMS ED took place on Tuesday, February 16. This discussion was to address the possibility of WPH joining MSSNY as a staff, and what steps would be taken next. Dr. Weinstein was asked to collect additional information and provide MSSNY with a list of WPH members. We will continue to provide updates as any progress is made.

Rockland County Medical Society (RCMS)

Nothing to report

Orange County Medical Society (OCMS)

Nothing to report