Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting  
March 7, 2017 (Report last updated February 24, 2017)  

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.  


I am planning to attend the annual OCMS Legislative Breakfast & Roundtable discussion on February 25, 2017 in Syracuse, NY. I am also planning on attending the MSSNY Lobby Day on March 8, 2017 in Albany, NY.  

I have presented the concept of a MSSNY institutional membership agreement to the Samaritan Medical Center Medical Executive Committee. I have asked Brenda Van Nest, MSSNY Upstate Outreach Representative, for assistance in preparing a formal proposal for presentation to the medical staff of this hospital at a quarterly staff meeting later this year.  

The following was furnished by Mary E. Jones, Director of Membership Services, Medical Societies of the Counties of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego, Cayuga & St. Lawrence:  

### 2017 Medical Society Meeting Schedule

**Combined Oneida & Herkimer Counties**  
**Wednesday, June 28**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 25**  
**Board of Trustees**  

**Combined Madison & Chenango Counties**  
**Wednesday, June 14**  
**Annual Meeting**  

**Oswego County**  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
**Wednesday, June 21**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 18**  

**Cayuga County**  
**Wednesday, March 1**  
**Wednesday, May 24**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 27**  

**St. Lawrence County**  
**Thursday, March 16**  
**Thursday, May 11**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 21**
The following was furnished by James Coulthart, Executive Vice President of the OCMS:

MATTERS OF NOTE
ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
Late February-Early March, 2017

- Implementation and presentations connected with the OCMS of recruitment plan continue. This allows group discounts for area practices of 35 or more physicians. Renewed emphasis has been placed on expanding membership among department faculty at Upstate Medical University. The new peer recruitment plan which allows a $40 payment on the OCMS portion of their dues for each verified new member recruited, has brought in 6 new members to date.
- A program was conducted on February 7th for members by Excellus on their Telemedicine and MD Live programs. Over thirty physicians and staff attended this program in which allowed Excellus to listen to area physicians’ concerns about this emerging technology.
- The Annual Medical Student, Physician, and Resident Reception was held at Empire Brewing Company on February 22nd with several medical students and mentoring physicians in attendance. This program was supported by contributions from Teamsters Local 1149 and the Upstate Medical Student Chapter.
- On February 28th “The Good Physician” a program about physician stress and burnout was presented by Dr. Jessica Mitchell of URHC at the OCMS offices. It was conducted for physicians and significant others at no cost with refreshment provided by the area’s Five Star Urgent Care facilities.
- The annual OCMS Legislative Breakfast & Roundtable discussion will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 9:00am -11:30am at the OCMS Offices, Syracuse, NY. In person, to hear physician concerns about legislation at the federal and state level, the following are scheduled to appear: Rep. John Katko, State Senator David Valesky, Assemblypersons Al Stirpe, Will Barclay, and Pamela Hunter. Additionally, key staff representing other elected officials unable to attend themselves are expected from the offices of Senators Schumer, Gillibrand, State Senator DeFrancisco, and Assemblyman Magnarelli.
- Commencing on March 2nd, Drs. Mickey (Mitchell) Lebowitz and Ron Fish are conducting a series of 6 wellness programs for physicians, entitled “The Quality Zone: Strategies for Physicians to be their Best to Achieve their Best (and not Burn Out)” at the OCMS offices on the evenings of the first Thursdays through August. In cooperation with Crouse Hospital, 2 CMEs will be available for physicians per program. It is being conducted free of charge and is open to all physicians in the Syracuse area, both members and non-members, and their spouses/significant others. Refreshments and corporate support are being supplied by Bankers Healthcare Group.
- The OCMS delegation for the 2017 House of Delegates will once again represent the county at this important MSSNY event in late April.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Huang, MD, Jefferson County, 5th District Councilor