

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- É The Society held successful programs on Medicare and Billing and Coding issues on December 20 and January 11, with a large number of members and staff in attendance.
- É All are invited to the Society's Legislative Breakfast on January 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, NYC. Key legislators will be there ó Richard Gottfried, Deborah Glick, Liz Krueger, Rebecca Seawright and more. The Society is co-hosting with the New York County Psychiatric Society and the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
- É On the evening of January 18, the Society's Public Health Committee will be hearing a presentation on "Medical Marijuana in New York State: Clinical Uses, Clinical Challenges and the NYS Medical Marijuana Program," with Grace Forde, MD, Director, Neurological Services , North American Partners in Pain Management, LLP.
- É The Society will be sending a bus from Manhattan to Albany for the March 2018 Physician Advocacy Day. \$50 per person, including bus trip and breakfast. No charge for students/residents. All are invited.

Bronx County Medical Society

- É Bronx County Medical Society President Doctor Michael A Pisacano reached out to Senator Gustavo Rivera who represent District 33 in the New York State Senate. Doctor Pisacano had a conference call with the Senator to discuss at the top of his agenda as president of Bronx County, Health Disparities, Child Obesity and Diabetes, to name a few, which will be followed up with a face-to-face meeting to find out how the Bronx County Medical Society and the Senator can work together to see the fruition of these topics addressed in the Bronx.
- É The Bronx County Medical Society have our first Winter Newsletter for 2017, and will be online for viewing at www.bronxdocs.org as well as the membership receiving a hard copy in the mail and an electronic version through Constant Contact by email.
- É The Society have voted in seven new members this month as membership recruitment has been active due to successful outreach. Doctor Pisacano would like to see those numbers continue monthly.
- É On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, we will be holding our first Board meeting for 2018 at Jacobi Hospital, Building #4 ó Second Floor, at 6:00 p.m. sharp.