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Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting
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The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.

The Medical Society of the County of Cayuga will be meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at The Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles NY. The Fellowship Gathering will be 6:00 pm ó 6:30 pm, with dinner and Business Meeting to follow. The presentation is entitled "Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)," presented by Marya Gendzielewski, MD, Endocrinologist, St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, Syracuse, NY. The Executive Council of the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Veggie and cheese/cracker tray, along with water and soda will be served. The location is Arthritis Health Associates, 5794 Widewaters Parkway (use side door), Syracuse, NY 13214. The Physician/Medical Student Beer and Chili Mixer will be Sunday, March 18, 2018. It will be hosted at the house of the Brian Johnson, MD. Liz Piotrowski, the Medical Student Section Representative, requested that OCMS continue with this tradition, so that students can speak in-depth with their mentors in a more relaxed setting.

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, Four County Management Corporation:

As you may or may not know, our local Medical Society is the only one in New York State that administers a Central Credentialing Verification Program (CCVP) for three of our area hospitals. The job of our CCVP is to provide the initial verification of training, licensure, etc. in order for the applicants to obtain hospital privileges or affiliation.

Currently, I am working on 19 applications. The specialties range from a group of seven providers (four nurse practitioners, two physician assistants, and one medical doctor) who will be providing skilled nursing care; a teleradiologist; three hospitalists; an ophthalmologist; a neurosurgeon; two anesthesiologists; a neurologist; and several other allied health professionals.

The following was furnished by James Coulthart, Executive Vice President of the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS):

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- OCMS recently received approval from its MSSNY partners to pursue a membership "Super Group" discount pilot project for Trinity Health (St. Joseph's Physician Group). The OCMS Executive Council had approved pursuing this pilot program. The objective of this pilot is to re-capture former members and new members at an attractive group discount rate in line with the Upstate Medical University's membership group rate. Agreed upon benchmarks of participation by the end of 2019 will be needed for this program to continue.
- The OCMS Annual Legislative Breakfast and Roundtable will take place on the morning of Saturday March 3rd. This involves both Federal and State level elected officials or their representatives. Scheduled to attend in person are Rep. John Katko, State Senators DeFrancisco & Valesky, Assemblypersons Stirpe, Barclay, and Finch. All other federal & state level representatives will have representing staff present.
- A Medical Student/Physician Beer and Chili Mixer will be held on Sunday, March 18th. President Brian Johnson will be hosting this event at his home.
- OCMS will once again have a full contingent attending this year's HOD in Buffalo, March 23-25.
- President Johnson has created a series of addiction awareness and opioid teaching programs for physicians to be held monthly by OCMS with expenses sponsored by Mass Mutual of New York throughout 2018: 3/5 "Opioid Addiction"; 4/2 "Buprenorphine Bridging"; 5/7 "Limited & Opioid Free Emergency Room"; 6/4 "Synthetic Addictive Drugs"; 9/10 "Treating Chronic Pain without Opioids"; 10/15 "Pregnant & Opioid Addicted"; 11/5 - Opioid Maintenance.
- Future educational program plans include programs on personal bio-feedback training for physicians, the 2018 annual Ask the Carriers Conference, and programs on Lyme Disease.

Respectfully submitted,

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