

Suffolk County Medical Society  
Councilor's Report  
March 5, 2019  
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- SCMS President, Ramin Rak, MD and our Executive Director, Aaron Kumar, MD MBA, met with Donald Teplitz, DO, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs at Good Samaritan Hospital on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership benefits and the network of physician resources were discussed. The conversation led to an invitation to their next medical staff meeting. Special thanks to John Hallowell, PA-C, MBA for his support and promotion of the Medical Society.
- County Executive Director, Steve Bellone, along with the Rockefeller Institute of Government hosted a forum at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Southampton on February 6, 2019 to address substance use disorders and the opioid epidemic. The Lieutenant governor, local legislators, county officials, physicians, advocates, law enforcement, community representatives and the press attended along with our Executive Director and Leslie Marino, MD. Dr. Marino spoke as a panel member for preventative measures, the necessity of MAT programs, and cooperative measures with physicians to address the problem.
- Suffolk County was happy to help sponsor and support our Young Physicians at the Social and Annual Education Seminar focused on the use and benefits of social media, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. SCMS/SAM share in the vision and need to engage more young physicians. Special thanks to Daniel Choi, MD who is leading the way in engaging physicians via social media and promoting the medical society.
- The SCMS Board of Directors met on February 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed upcoming programs, staffing requirements, operational and financial positions. Special guests, Michael Scioscia, Senior Director of Support Services and Michele Miller-McEvoy, Director of Emergency Preparedness and EMS from The Long Island Community Hospital, presented to the board on an Active Shooter drill that was held at the hospital. They shared not only the importance of the drill but also the lessons learned, the precautionary methods required, the collaborative efforts with physicians, staff, law enforcement, etc. and the continued need for vigilance. The meeting continued with reports from our representative members from local hospital, specialties, and associations.
- SCMS is also happy to support and sponsor the February 28<sup>th</sup> MSSNY informative session on a “single payer” system. We are encouraging our members by word of mouth, blast emails, website posts, social media, etc. to attend and become more involved with the Medical Societies and MSSNY PAC.
- SCMS is scheduling appointments with legislators for the March 6<sup>th</sup> Physician Advocacy Day/ Lobby Day. We are continuing to promote and encourage participation.
- The Long Island Health Collaborative, under the statewide Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) is in jeopardy. The Governor's budget prematurely terminates the PHIP program as of March 31, 2019. The organization has been a valuable hub of data and connects key players in healthcare, including those in independent practice, hospitals, the community, and legislation. We have been requested to help by speaking with Senators and Assembly members to continue the program.
- On April 15<sup>th</sup>, a presentation on “Curbside Consults in the Digital Age: HIPPA and other pitfalls of the Electronic Health Record” will be made to the medical staff of Mather/ St. Charles by our local counsel RuskinMoscouFaltischek.