MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT Brian Murray, MD MARCH 5, 2019

• MSSNY THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT RETREAT:

The annual MSSNY Third and Fourth District Lake Placid retreat took place on Saturday, January 26th at the Mirror Lake Inn. Eight resolutions ranging from recreational marijuana to NRT replacement payment were debated and will be presented at the MSSNY House of Delegates. There were some prominent north country elected officials who attended, and we appreciate Dr. Madejeski taking the time to attend.

NYMGMA/MSCA/MSCU MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The Albany ó area chapter of the New York Medical Group Management Association and the Medical Societies of Albany and Ulster Counties will hold a Medicare update meeting featuring representatives from CMS on Tuesday, March 5th at The Century House in Latham, New York. Members of the Healthcare Financial Management Association will also attend.

• MSSNY ADVOCACY DAY:

We once again look forward to participating on Advocacy Day on March 6^{th} at the state capitol. With all of the changes taking place and uncertainty weeve tried to encourage as many people to get involved in the process as possible. We hope it will be successful and applaud the Governmental Affairs team for putting it together.

ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE BACC RECEIVES \$250,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FROM NATIONAL GRID

A regional economic initiative to bring biomedical innovations to market was awarded a \$250,000 economic development grant from National Grid. The Biomedical Acceleration and Commercialization Center (BACC) at Albany Medical College received a grant from National Grid to provide direct financial assistance to BACC biomedical start-up companies for commercialization needs and access to experts. It will also help support the BACC entrepreneurs in the arenas of clinical trials, prototype development, marketing and hiring consultants for regulatory needs. Finally, funding will assist in expanding the scope of the responsibilities and impact of the entrepreneur-in-residence, who serves as a mentor and advisor for BACC companies.

MARCH 13 SEMINAR TO DISCUSS SHOULDER PAIN:

St. Peterøs Health Partners will hold a free educational seminar, titled õShoulder Joint Pain and Treatment Options.ö This program is free and open to the public. The distinguished speaker will be orthopedic surgeon Kyle R. Flik, M.D., of OrthoNY. Dr. Flik will discuss joint pain of the shoulder and what individuals can do to manage it. He will also provide information regarding the latest developments and advances in surgical and non-surgical treatment options for joint pain.