

**MSSNY Council Report**  
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**Manhattan and the Bronx**  
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**New York County Medical Society**

- É The Society brought 27 people to Albany for Physician Advocacy Day, and thanks MSSNY for its support. Visits were set up with 13 legislators. The Society sent blast emails to the entire membership asking them to contact legislators to support our issues from home. In addition, members have been urged to contact legislators in the weeks leading to the New York State budget vote, with the Committee on Government Affairs in particular being asked to ask senators to cosponsor the Collective Negotiation bill.
- É The Society will be holding its annual breakfast meeting with Board members and Richard Gottfried in May.
- É The Society held an excellent program on Physician Well Being with Jonathan Rhys, MD, MPH, Chief Wellness Officer at the Icahn School of Medicine of Mt. Sinai. The Society is sponsoring a CME program on distracted doctors on April 18.
- É The Society's Nominating Committee met and announced the following slate of officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Mimi Buchness, MD will become president. Arthur Cooper, MD will be president-elect; Keith LaScalea, MD, vice president; Jessica Krant, MD, Secretary; and Jill Baron, MD, Treasurer.
- É The Society's Annual Meeting and reception will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Upper Story in Manhattan.

***Bronx County Medical Society***

- É Bronx County Medical Society has held its Nominating Committee meeting. The secretary appointed to the Bronx County was Doctor Chandana Attoti and the new treasurer is Doctor Thakor Rana. Congratulations to both candidates!
- É Bronx County recently had a very successful legislative day in Albany for Physician Advocacy Day on March 6, 2019. Bronx County current President Doctor Realba Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Doctor Alan Diaz, and Immediate Past President Doctor Michael Pisacano were key executive committee members who met with fellow Assembly men and women to strategize on key issues affecting patient care in the Bronx.
- É The Bronx County Medical Society recently hosted our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Doctor's Recognition Day Symposium, Poster Presentations & Physician Exposition at Mercy College on Thursday, March 28, in our premier medical and scientific event. The featured topic, "Cannabis as Medicine," brought together over 150 physicians and medical students. The event was CME accredited, and special thanks to Doctor Art Fougner for echoing in volume the featured topic and offering insight on MSSNY's position on this topic.

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Featured Speakers included:

Julia Arnsten, MD, MPH, FACP ô Chief, Division of General Medicine, Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry & Epidemiology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Director of Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research

Grace Forde MD ô Director of Neurological Services at North America Partners in Pain Management, Assistant Professor of Neurology at NYU, Secretary of the New York Pain Society

Junella Chin, MD ô CoóFounder & Medical Director of MCM, Director of Education for the Association of Cannabis Specialists, Board of Advisors for Hollywood Heart, a nonóprofit dedicated to serving atórisk teens with HIV/AIDS.

Alan Diaz MD ô President of Salud Medical PC, Board of Directors, Montefiore IPA, Executive Committee at MCCN