

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
September 19th, 2019
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- On June 14th The Suffolk County Medical Society and the Suffolk Academy of Medicine held its Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers. It was a great a time of celebration as our new officers were sworn in, awards were distributed, future student doctors were recognized, and our members networked and socialized.
- On June 19th SCMS along with Mr. Moe Auster, held a conference call with Senator Gaughran's office and addressed many issues for physicians, including liability reforms and the consequences and challenges of legalizing recreational marijuana.
- On June 20th; RuskinMoscouFaltischek, P.C. held a webinar on "Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" for members of the Nassau County Medical Society, The Suffolk County Medical Society and the Independent Physicians Association of Nassau and Suffolk. The event may lead to additional sessions, as this was a well-attended webinar to help fulfill the new mandated regulations.
- Our physician leadership was able to attend the Physician Leadership Seminar held on June 21st - 22nd at the Hyatt in Hauppauge by the Medical Educational & Scientific Foundation of New York, INC. The seminar proved very useful and helped extend our business management visions and creativity beyond the confines of our usual medical framework.
- SCMS continues to look for extended partnerships and support of the physician network. Meetings were held with insurance carriers for community health programs and well as the Navy and financial consultants.
- The SCMS Executive Committee met on August 7th to discuss pertinent matters of operations, finance, and receive updates on events and procedures.
- SCMS Treasurer, Dr. Daniel Choi has taken a strong lead in addressing the "Surprise Bill" being discussed in legislation. He along with several other physicians, from multiple counties, have met with legislators to share the pitfalls of the proposed legislation. There is also a video and social media push that has stirred the movement to amend this new national proposal. **Quick reshare link:** <https://www.outofthemiddle.org/video> **Quick Twitter retweet link:** <http://bit.ly/2L2Tx67>. There have been 10-12 thousand views due to this social media posting.
- On August 12th, Dr. Rothberg, Dr. Desire and Dr. Kumar, spoke with the incoming medical students at the Renaissance School of Medicine (Stony Brook University). The engagement and interaction was eye-opening to the attendees and fostered interest in the medical society at the county, state and national level.
- SCMS Board will meet on September 4th.
- On September 25th SCMS-SAM plans to hold a parent focused seminar on adolescent suicide awareness and prevention at a local High School. There will be a panel of members to include physicians, the crisis response center, and the Department of Health Services to address myths and concerns on suicide.