

Medical Society of the State of New York

Report of the 9th District Branch **November 7, 2019**

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The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9th District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester.

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9th District Branch of MSSNY as reported by CMS:

Dutchess County Medical Society Activities (DCMS)

- Our Inaugural Membership meeting was held at the Millbrook Winery on October 23, 2019. DCMS was a host to over 100 attendees, with the support of five different sponsors, who underwrote the entire event. The event was covered by the local news sources and was honored with the attendance of State Senator Sue Serino. Formal business of the Medical Society, including the election of the slate of officers, was followed by a discussion of the latest updates and happenings from Marist College and their new medical school. A representative from the Physician's Assistant program attended and presented relevant information on changes happening at Marist. By providing up to date local material to be discussed, it is hoped that the relevance of the medical society will be accentuated. All members and nonmembers from all different specialties were invited from our newly generated email database of 1600 (with over 1000 emails being gathered from the Board partnering with their peers to acquire mailing lists of the larger organizations).
- The next event is tentatively set to take place on February 6, 2019 at the Culinary Institute of America. Future topics for discussion for future meetings will be how to approach and work with the LGBTQ community, updates and educational components from the large groups as well as possible speakers from the small groups who wish to accentuate their practice, lyme disease topics and discussion panels.
- In addition to quarterly meetings, aimed at gaining a greater presence within the community, monthly or bi-monthly newsletter with relevant topics will be generated using a larger database of emails.

Orange County Medical Society (OCMS)

Putnam County Medical Society (PCMS)

- Putnam Hospital medical staff has reached out to PCMS leadership with expressed interest in opening a dialogue regarding institutional membership once again. We have requested an updated staff list and will be forwarding that to MSSNY once we are in possession of it. We will keep the Council informed of any new developments
- PCMS members are invited to participate in all activities of the WCMS.

Rockland County Medical Society (RCMS)

Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS)

- On Saturday, September 7 WCMS Officers participated in the Volunteer New York 9/11 Serve and Remember event by cleaning up the wooded area surrounding a trout stream at the Westmoreland Sanctuary in Mount Kisco.
- On October 23, 2019, the Westchester Academy of Medicine hosted its 10th Annual Golf Outing and Fundraising event at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY. Forty people enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, followed by a dinner and raffles afterward, where an additional group of people joined us for dinner. Robert Lerner, MD was honored with the “Friend of the Academy” award for his dedication and service to the Westchester Academy of Medicine and the physicians of Westchester over many years.
- WCMS along with the students of New York Medical College will host our annual wine tasting on Thursday, November 21. Residents and Fellows along with our membership have also been invited to participate.
- On Friday, December 6, 2019 WCMS and WAM will hold our annual holiday cocktail party at the C.V. Rich Mansion in White Plains. All members, spouses and family are welcome to attend. We will also hold a raffle in support of our scholarship fund for the WESEF.