

**MSSNY Council Report**  
**Adolph B. Meyer, M.D., Councilor**  
**Kings and Richmond Counties**  
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**Medical Society of the County of Kings**

- Kings County conducted elections this year via e-ballot. The new positions will go into effect in the fall when we hold an in-person formal event. We will be combining our Annual Stated Meeting with our President's Gala. The date has not yet been confirmed.
- As of May 18, Kings County has four physicians who expressed interest to be volunteers in MSSNY's Peer to Peer Program.
- We held our May Board and Comitia meetings by Zoom and will hold another in July.
- MSCK has formed a committee to address continued testing, contact tracing and PPE for the purpose of being involved in the post-peak phase as the city re-opens. Drs. Donald Moore and Monica Sweeney have already contacted the DOH, the Deputy Commissioner responsible for Brooklyn, and many hospital CEOs in Brooklyn. The goal is to keep it within community healthcare centers, physician practices, and hospitals rather than large chains and institutions. The committee, which is spearheaded by Dr. Moore, will develop a plan to be submitted to Governor Cuomo.

**Richmond County Medical Society**

The **Richmond County Medical Society** is looking forward to a high-yielding 2020. Our Society anticipates a continued productive and positive year of growth. Our goals are always to increase the participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community. The physicians of Richmond County embody the best of what our profession has to offer. We strive to provide excellent healthcare to our community. We continue to pursue advances in medicine and to advance our knowledge, through ongoing educational programs. We have a strong belief in the importance of participation in organized medicine, as evidenced by the success of the RCMS.

**The Comitia Minora Zoom Meeting** on May 5th, 2020 was successful. We invited Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis to join the meeting. The members shared their opinions on how to best serve Staten Island during this Covid-19 Pandemic. *Attached* are some questions submitted to her by the members. She eagerly presented them to the Governor.

RCMS has held weekly Zoom meetings to discuss the emergency preparedness in Richmond County during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

**Save the Date – Installation of the 214<sup>th</sup> President Radha Syed, MD, and the Executive Board**

**2020-2021** – will take place on June 2nd, 2020 via a zoom meeting. We invited Congressman Max Rose to join us as we “pass the gavel” and to support our evening. Dr. Syed has a strong platform this year to present and looks forward to working diligently through this difficult time we all are facing. She has many ideas on how to have a productive year by leveraging social media.

- **Premier Comitia Meeting / Dr Radha Syed our 214th President** - September 8, 2020.
- **RCMS Legislative Brunch** – postponed until September 13th, 2020.
- **Women in Medicine** - postponed at this time. November date to follow.
- **Past President’s Dinner/Dance** - tentatively October 23, 2020 (LiGreci’s The Staaten).

*The following are questions that were submitted by members of the Richmond County Medical Society after an interactive meeting on May 5,2020.*

1. When can office cystoscopies, bladder biopsies, vaginal biopsies and cervical biopsies be performed? submitted by Dr. Dorothy Wludyka-Matthews.
2. How about small needle biopsies for lesions suspicious of Ca, as well as needle biopsies?
3. What about Skin Biopsies and treatment of Skin Ca? (Treatment or precancerous lesions & biopsy or inflammatory skin diseases)? / submitted by Dr. Charles Berstein.
4. I am an interventional pain practitioner, office based. I never have to admit patients to the hospital after my procedures because i do not give them anesthesia, although I am an anesthesiologist. I was always taught that it adds unnecessary risk, and especially now anesthesia administration and complications would potentially add stress to the hospital. So, I feel that epidurals. Nerve blocks, etc. done office based should be allowed to be done starting now. Patients have been willing to wait but continue to call complaining of their suffering and do not want to take opioids. / submitted by Dr. Ann Marie Stillwell.