

Suffolk County Medical Society  
Councilor's Report  
January 14, 2021  
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- On November 4, 2020, the SCMS Board met virtually. Several items were discussed including “delegated credentialing”, membership, alternate revenue streams, relocation, partnerships for CME and webinars, and legal and public health concerns.
- The SCMS and SAM webinar series continues with “Contract Negotiations” and a “Covid-19 Vaccine update” presented by Jay Silverman, ESQ of RMF and James Tomarken, MD, immediate past Suffolk County Commissioner. Additional webinars on these topics will be planned due to attendee interest. The next session on January 12, will be on “The future of ACGME and Residency Programs by William Wertheim, MD, MBA. On January 26, 2021 we will have a MAT waiver training program by Leslie Marino, MD.
- On December 9, 2020, the Executive Committee met virtually. Student educational relationships and engagement was discussed; as well as, bylaw membership categories, Academy partnership, relocation, and the 2021 budget.
- SCMS and SAM have officially relocated the office to Patchogue, NY. The new location reduces overhead costs of an unused board room and other unnecessary costs. Adaptability during these times gives us the opportunity to work on new initiatives and readjust resource utilization.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has pressured our healthcare system and physicians beyond the normal patient care concerns and management. Physicians’ mental health, unbalanced government distribution of resources, with legal liability and scope of practice concerns are shifting the societal value of the medical profession. This ultimately is reflected in the flow of membership into our organization. Many physicians have not recognized the value of the Medical Society. These times grant us an opportunity, unlike any other, to proclaim and enhance the support of our physicians.
- The next SCMS Board meeting will be on January 20, 2020.