

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

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- **WELCOME TROY OECHSNER:**
On behalf of the member physicians in the Third District Branch we wish to take this opportunity to welcome Troy Oechsner, Esq. to the position of Executive Vice-President of MSSNY. Many of us have had the honor and privilege of working with him during his time in state government service. You will be a tremendous advocate for patients and physicians. Furthermore, we extend our gratitude to Phil Schuh, CPA for as many years of service and dedication to the profession.
- **MSSNY PHYSICIAN ADVOCACY DAY:**
We are looking forward to a successful MSSNY Physician Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 2nd. We have reached out to the New York Medical Group Management Association and encourage their participation in the event. We hope that it will be as successful as in the past.
- **ST. PETER'S EXPANDING MONOCLONAL THERAPY FOR COVID PATIENTS:**
St. Peter's Health Partners (SPHP) is now offering monoclonal antibody therapy to eligible COVID-positive residents of its skilled nursing facilities, allowing residents to receive the potentially life-saving treatment without having to leave the comfort of their own facility. This represents an expansion of SPHP's monoclonal antibody infusion clinic, which has already treated more than 450 patients in the Capital Region in the short time since its inception. SPHP became the first health care institution in New York's Capital Region to offer monoclonal antibody therapy – the only FDA-authorized treatment for COVID-19 – when it opened a clinic at the Samaritan Hospital – Albany Memorial Campus on December 3, 2020.
- **AMC PRIZE WINNERS IN BIDEN ADMINISTRATION:**
Geneticist Eric Lander, Ph.D., president and founding director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard in Cambridge, Mass., and recipient of the 2010 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, has been tapped by U.S. President Joe Biden as presidential science advisor and director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Additionally, Anthony Fauci, M.D., the 2002 recipient of the Albany Prize, is serving as the Chief Medical Advisor to the President since Wednesday, Jan. 20. He has been the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984.