

MSSNY Council Report
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- Kings County’s new website went live in February. We thank MLMIC for their assistance and support with this.
- We had a successful Lobby Day. Congratulations to the MSSNY Government Affairs team for an excellent program. Kings County met with Senators Diane Savino and Andrew Gournardes, and Assemblymembers Rodneyse Bichotte and Michael Tannousis. We were able to educate them on matters they were not fully aware of such as publicly posting complaints to the OPMC before due process, cuts to funding of the CPH and Excess Malpractice coverage, scope of practice, the continuation of Telehealth and recreational marijuana. They were all in agreement with us except with recreational marijuana.
- MSCK was co-sponsor, along with the Provident Clinical Society and the Region 1 National Medical Association on a panel forum entitled “Beyond Tuskegee: COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Equity.” The program was a critical analysis of COVID-19 vaccine necessity, availability and acceptance in the current pandemic from the Afro-American perspective. We had three excellent speakers with two moderators. We had 230 registered with and actual attendance of 180 people during the peak of the program. A recording of the program is in the works.
- Electronic ballots of county Officers, Trustees, Censors, etc. have been sent to our members for the 2021-2022 term.
- MSCK is planning to do a series of practice management seminars. We are in discussion with a potential sponsor to support the series.
- Kings County President, Dr. Prasad Gudavalli, sent a letter of gratitude to the members for National Doctors Day which is posted on our website.

Richmond County Medical Society

The Richmond County Medical Society is continuing to change with the times. The last year was quite challenging to say the least, however, we know that 2021 will be a great year. We are still optimistic and ready to move forward.

Our Goals are the same. We always look to increase 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.

Richmond County Medical Society (cont.)

The physicians of Richmond County embody the best of what our profession has to offer. We strive to provide excellent healthcare. 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 Richmond County Medical Society. Our current president, Dr. Syed, has instituted “Fireside Chats” as part of our monthly meetings as a way to open up the floor and get members more involved with discussions on a range of topics. This has been a great success and we will continue to implement this format.

- Dr. Radha Syed urged all members to get the Covid-19 Vaccine ASAP. We are also using the platform to educate our members and the community on the pros of vaccination by spreading science backed material. Our message has been to stand by researched facts rather than fear lead social media campaigns.
- Preparations for HOD are underway. We will have four active delegates to join the meeting and stay in Saratoga Springs, NY on September 18, 2021 and hopefully to submit resolutions.
- Our March 9th meeting and fireside chat was dedicated to Brain Health. We were honored to have guest speaker Rohan Ramakrishna, M.D. of The Brain Tumor Center at New York-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine. The chat was titled "Brain Tumors in 2021: Where are We?" Dr. Rohan Ramakrishna is an award-winning, board-certified neurosurgeon who specializes in the treatment of brain tumors and other central nervous system tumors.
- The upcoming Comitia Minora meeting will be held on April 6th. Our guest will be Dr. Syraj Syed, PhD, MAMC. He will be discussing ACEs along with a college from UF Health.

