

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
April 15, 2021
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- SCMS was able to speak with several legislators during Physician Advocacy Day. We want to thank MSSNY and the Governmental Affairs team for all their hard work and guidance. Several of the main unified concerns were addressed and discussed. We look forward to future meetings both virtually and in person when possible. Additional meetings were made with legislators who could not participate on March 2nd.
- On March 10th the SCMS Board of Directors met virtually. We thank Jeff Zilberstein, MD the new Medical Director of Peconic Bay Medical Center for joining us. During this meeting the Board was updated/informed on the webinar programs being offered, the partnerships/collaborations with different organizations, HOD information and resolution deadlines, membership, and physician advocacy day.
- On Saturday, March 12th leadership met to discuss the vision and mission of SCMS and SAM. We hope to continue these handoff transition meetings annually for the out-going and in-coming presidents.
- On March 18th, Dr. Kumar met with Zahrine Bajwa, CPH, Ph.D and Marta Blanco, MS, NDTR, CLC to discuss the Nutrition Health & Obesity Prevention Program with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Suffolk County.
- On March 24th, Dr. Bodoutchian and Dr. Kumar were able to join the MSSNY P2P program update and discussion presentation to the Counties. We hope to share this program continually and by every method to our physician family.
- On March 25th, Dr. Kumar attended the Long Island Health Collaborative meeting. Many new changes and updates were presented for the wellbeing and health of the program and the community.
- The Academy and Society continue to hold webinars on interesting and relevant topics.
 - On March 29th, former Suffolk County Health Commissioner James Tomarken, MD, MPH, MSW, FRCPC, FACP presented an in-depth update on Covid-19 and Vaccinations. The webinar was packed with details on the Coronavirus genome; vaccine methods of eliciting immune responses to the spike protein; the current variants of interest, concern, and high consequence; statistics on prevalence; global issues; pregnancy; testing in children; and much more.
 - Our next webinar will be with the partnership of DEA Special Agent Charles Bernard and Supervisory Diversion Investigator Kerry Whitmore, MLMIC and MSSNY to educate attendees on **Scams against licensed medical professionals**. The webinar will be at 6pm on **April 21, 2021**. With the assistance of MLMIC and MSSNY this webinar will be available for all to participate throughout the State of New York. Physicians are being targeted and swindled out of hundreds-of-thousands of dollars that is unrecoverable. Join us and learn from the authorities.
- SCMS participated in the County Federation meetings on March 4th and April 1st. The wealth of knowledge from all the executives enables us to reflect on programs, operations and goals as we advance our Medical Societies.
- The SCMS Executive Committee will meet again on April 7, 2021.