

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- The Society's Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity, led by Gabrielle Shapiro, MD, thanks MSSNY student membership for joining the committee on May 13 to talk about possible ways to reach out to student members. The Committee is planning a mentoring event for student representatives over the summer.
- The Society's Committees on CME and Public Health, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD and Peter Lombardo, MD, respectively, hosted the first of the Society's CME Grand Rounds CME presentation "The Role of Non-Psychiatric Physicians in Identifying and Addressing COVID-Related Mental Health Symptoms," on May 27. The second session, "Clearing the Fog: Acute and Chronic Neurological Effects of COVID-19," will follow on June 23.
- The Society's Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Paul N. Orloff, MD, has asked its members to keep telling legislators to keep up a steady stream of calls and emails to legislators during the legislative session. Among issues the Society focused on are the consolidated debt act and prior authorization legislation.
- The Society's Bylaws Committee, chaired by Arthur Cooper, MD, presented the Society's new tag line, "Physicians for a Healthy New York," which was approved by the Board.
- The Society's Delegation to the MSSNY House of Delegates, chaired by William Rosenblatt, MD, began review of its resolutions for submission to the HOD, on topics including Third-Party Insurer Abuse of Modifier 25 Policy; Telehealth Services; and Uniform Standard of Care in Medical Liability Cases.
- The Society's Committees on Social Media, chaired by Richard Schutzer, MD, and Committee on Public Relations, chaired by Michelle Zweifler, MD, are setting up the Society's Instagram account and planning a virtual doctors' lounge for members.
- The Society acknowledges the contributions of its President Arthur Cooper, MD, who concludes his presidency this month and will be celebrated by the Board and membership. The Society welcomes incoming president Keith LaScalea, MD and the rest of the new officers, Erick Eiting, MD, President-Elect; Thomas Sterry, MD, Vice President; Jessica J. Krant, MD, MPH, Secretary; and Jill Baron, MD, Treasurer.
- The Society congratulates Doctor Bonnie Litvack on the successful completion of her term as MSSNY President, and looks forward to working with new president Joseph Sellers, MD.

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- Bronx County Medical Society President Dr. Stern and other members of the board worked diligently with Senator Gustavo Rivera in creating an emergency Broadband Benefit for New Yorkers including NYCHA residents that can now apply for a discount on internet service subscriptions.
Residents can receive up to \$50 monthly and up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop. Dr. Stern heard the complaints from patients that she takes care of in saying that Wi-fi was a big issue in the connectivity of physician to patient. So happy the legislators were able to step up and create an option that now can provide better access for patient to physician care.
You can visit GetEmergencyBroadband.org or call 833-511-0311. Please share.
- Bronx County had our 17th Annual Doctor's Recognition Day Virtual Symposium, Poster & Peer to Peer Awards for Healthcare Heroes on May 16, 2021 via Zoom
It was a Free CME lecture regarding COVID vaccines, poster presentation from Bronx Physicians as well as our Annual Peer to Peer Awards with physicians being nominated from their respective healthcare organizations.
Our featured Speaker was Dr. Barry Zingman, Medical Director, AIDS Center Clinical Director of Infectious Diseases Moses Division, Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine who gave our huge audience an overview of the recent updates on the different vaccines and the new variants that are abroad.
We were also able to award 10 physicians from different healthcare organizations Peer to Peer award by their senior leadership and each organization had someone speak to why they felt they should receive such a prestigious award including an honors award name Dr. Richard Izquierdo Contribution & Dedication Award who passed away last year but was the physician who created Doctor's Day for the Bronx and that award went to our very own Councilor and Board of Trustees Dr. David Jakubowicz.
Three lucky medical students each got an award for their poster presentations and each Received a \$100 gift card. Kudos to Jennifer Cushman, David Ge & Margit V. Szabari.
We like to thank our sponsors and E-Journals can be downloaded on our website At www.bronxdocs.org/ event.
- Bronx County Medical Society will be having our first In-Person Annual Stated meeting At Vistamar Restaurant & Lounge from 6-8pm in City Island on June 16, 2021.
Both Comitia & Membership is invited as we have a change in leadership.
Dr. Nina Huberman will be our incoming President as well as thanking Dr. Michelle Stern for doing an exceptional job and accomplishing her set goals during her tenure.

COVID event requirements will be enforced by the restaurant to make sure everyone is adhering to CDC Guidelines.
- Bronx County Medical Society would like to thank Dr. Bonnie Litvack for doing an excellent job as she exemplified outstanding leadership during the pandemic. We welcome and look forward to working with Dr. Joseph Sellers.