

MSSNY THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

Brian P. Murray, MD, Councilor

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- **DR. SELLERS AND MR. OECHSNER SPEAK AT ALBANY:**

We were quite pleased to have Dr. Joe Sellers and Mr. Troy Oechsner speak at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Medical Society the County of Albany Inc. Aside from a MSSNY update, the main topic of discussion centered around re-engaging the Albany Medical College Faculty Practice Group in membership. This is been a very frustrating process that is going on for about a year and half. Mr. Oechsner and Mr. Dougherty will work together to develop a letter to the AMC leadership outlining the accomplishments of the Medical Society and their need to continue to support us.

- **ALBANY MED RESEARCHERS OFFERED GRANT:**

Researchers at Albany Medical College have been awarded a four-year, \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to study vascular malformations and potential new ways to treat the most serious blood vessel abnormalities non-surgically. Blood vessels play a critical role in maintaining healthy tissues and organs, carrying oxygen, nutrients, antibodies and other immune system elements throughout the body. But when they don't develop properly – known collectively as vascular malformations – people may experience disfigurement, tumors, pain and discomfort, and chronic wounds. Vascular malformations can range from birthmarks to conditions that affect the brain and heart.

- **ST. PETER'S AND OVERDOSE AWARENESS:**

Jason Kirby, D.O., medical director for St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center and Chief of Behavioral Health for SPHP, appeared on WTEN/News10 in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. Dr. Kirby discussed challenges to addiction treatment as well as the dramatic increase in overdose deaths attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.