

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, will hold a mentoring discussion and "Distance Dinner" for medical students on September 30, 2021.
- The Society's Committees on CME and Public Health, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD and Peter Lombardo, MD, respectively, held another session in its Grand Rounds Series: , "Clearing the Fog: Acute and Chronic Neurological Effects of COVID-19," on June 23; and is resuming on September 23, 2021, with a program on "COVID Long Haulers," and on October 19, "Taming the EHR." On December 9, the Society will hold a program on "Surviving Litigation."
- The Society's Delegation to the MSSNY House of Delegates, chaired by William Rosenblatt, MD, participated in Reference Committee hearings in August and look forward to discussing reference committee reports during the September 18 meeting of the 2021 House of Delegates.
- The Society held a successful Zoom Annual Meeting on June 23, 2021. The Board of Directors held a small dinner over the summer when fully vaccinated members of the Board met and congratulated outgoing president Arthur Cooper, MD. The Society's officers are now President Keith LaScalea, MD; Erick Eiting, MD, President-Elect; Thomas Sterry, MD, Vice President; Jessica J. Krant, MD, MPH, Secretary; and Jill Baron, MD, Treasurer.

**Bronx County Medical Society**

- Bronx County Medical Society and our President Dr. Nina Huberman will be reaching out to our newly elected Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson and Senior Director of Montefiore Melissa Caballero as we create a sub-committee titled "Health Equity" to have some of our Bronx County physicians be a part of this committee to combat and play a bigger role in the "Not 62 Campaign as the Bronx Borough President biggest concern is not having the Bronx the 62<sup>nd</sup> unhealthiest county.
- Bronx County Medical Society will be inviting both Senator Alessandra Biaggi and Senator Gustavo Rivera who is the Chair of Health & Hospital for NYS to our Comitia meetings as over the summer both have expressed interest in attending them more frequently to see how we can come together to assist in improving better quality healthcare in the Bronx.
- Bronx County Medical Society's Delegation chaired by Thakor C. Rana, MD, participated in Reference Committee hearings in August and look forward to discussing reference committee reports during the September 18 meeting of the 2021 House of Delegates. One of the resolution authored by Dr. Rana & Dr. Jakubowicz titled "We're Mad as Hell and We Aren't Going to Take It Anymore" looks for support from other counties to address physicians who find themselves with delays in prior authorizations among other health insurance payors practices which delays physicians payments for services rendered to their patients.

- Bronx County have been personally invited by Bronx Democratic Party Chair & Senator Jamaal T. Bailey to his 2021 Bronx County Dinner on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Marina Del Rey in the Bronx.

Special Guest attending will be Governor Kathy Hochul, Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin, NYS Attorney General Letitia James, NYS Comptroller Tim DiNapoli & Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

Some of our Comitia members will be in attendance as this was a personal invite from the Senator himself.

- Bronx County Medical Society will be having our 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Bronx County Medical Society Annual Gala on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking to having it as an in-person event. If we are not able to be in-person we will be open to a virtual Annual Gala on November 7<sup>th</sup> if the protocols for having an in-person event has changed as we get near to the date, details will be on our website [www.bronxdocs.org/events](http://www.bronxdocs.org/events).