

Nassau County Medical Society

Councilor's Report – September 23, 2021

David Podwall, MD, Councilor

1. The Fall Membership Meeting for the Nassau County Medical Society will be hosted on October 12, 2021. It will be a virtual event.
2. The Nassau County Medical Society has decided, due to the increase in COVID-19 numbers to postpone their Annual President's Gala for some time in the Spring of 2022.
3. The Nassau County Medical Society and Nassau Academy of Medicine published a Position Statement on COVID Vaccines and shared it with the local media, legislators, the Governor's office and all our local social media outlets.
4. The Nassau Academy of Medicine formulated a new Education Committee that will be working on revamping the website, introducing new and improved educational opportunities, will be hosting a "Virtual Doctor's Lounge" once a Quarter and will be working with local medical schools and hospital systems to provide new resources for the existing physicians and incoming medical students of the county.
5. Our Fall Newsletter will be published by the end of September 2021.
6. Our Public Health Committee met on September 14, 2021, and discussed a multitude of topics, such as, Breakthrough COVID, Vaccines, Climate Change and its affect on Global Public Health.
7. Our Member of the Month for September is Dr. Ian Storch. Dr. Storch has been a Member since October 2018 and is a Gastroenterologist practicing in New Hyde Park, NY. His story is inspirational and motivating and it will be shared on all of our social media pages and website.
8. The Officers of the 2021-22 Year were announced and took office on July 1, 2021.
President: Ronald Menzin, MD, **President-Elect:** David Podwall, MD, **Vice President:** Robert Schreiber, MD, **Secretary:** Ellen Braunstein, MD, **Treasurer:** Joel Portnoy, MD.
9. Our scheduled webinars for the month of September are:
 - a. September 23, 2021 @ 6pm: *"Medicine and Inclusivity: Instilling Pride in LGBTQ+ Patients and Colleagues"* with Dr. David Rosenthal, Medical Director, Northwell Health Physician Partners, LGBTQ Transgender Program.
 - b. September 28, 2021 @ 6pm: *"Beyond the Birds and the Bees: A Discussion on Sexual Health"* presented by The National Health Foundation