

**Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
September 23, 2021
Daniel Choi, MD, Councilor**

- On June 18th, The Suffolk County Medical Society and the Suffolk Academy of Medicine held our Annual Meeting. This year the event was held virtually due to the ongoing concerns of Covid-19 transmission. The personal interactions and networking during live events were missed. However, the event welcomed our new officers, presented certifications, awarded our Doctor's of Tomorrow scholarship winners and shared visions and the direction of the Medical Society. This year, two students also received the new "Past Presidents" Scholarship in recognition of their work in the community and in the field of public health. The inaugural Past Presidents award was dedicated in the memory of Bruce Berlin, MD. We thank all our honored guests including Dr. Litvak and Dr. Sellers for their participation and words of inspiration. Our 2021-2022 President, Maria Basile, MD, MBA discussed the "Essential Pause" and shared her vision for our membership and it's organization as the Medical Society.
- On June 14, 2021 Drs. Basile, Coccaro, and Kumar met with the Medical Staff leadership at St. Charles's Hospital. The meeting was held to discuss the evolving environment between the Medical Staffs at Mather and St. Charles's Hospital, membership renewal with the Medical Society and communication needs. Follow up discussions with the leadership were made which led to a formal presentation on July 19th to the medical staffs at both hospitals. The presentation was well received and addressed the questions and membership concerns of the medical staff. We thank Dr. Basile, Dr. Litvak, Dr. Rothberg and Executive Directors Mr. Oechsner and Dr. Kumar for addressing the physician membership and the renewal of membership as institutional groups. We continue to share the value of membership with the leadership and hope to confirm enrollments at both organizations into the future.
- SCMS and SAM is looking to enhancing technologies from video conferencing upgrades, database improvements and information and website accessibility.
- We want to thank all of MSSNY and the leadership in their management and work towards the 2021 House of Delegates.
- The SCMS Executive Committee met September 1, 2021. During the meeting we reviewed the presentation to the medical staffs of Mather Hospital and St. Charles Hospital. Many key member value notes were shared by Dr. Basile, including the need for enhanced communications and a deeper understanding of our roles and purpose in the Medical Society for our members. Three main focal points were address: 1. Advocate/Protect, 2. Empower/Strengthen, and 3. Advance. During the meeting, general information was also shared regarding the HOD, resolution review, voting, database enhancements, etc.
- In partnership with The Academy of Medicine, SCMS will continue with it's webinar series on various topics of interest to our physician membership.
- The SCMS Board will meet again on October 6, 2021.