

MSSNY Council Report
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Richmond County Medical Society

The Richmond County Medical Society is continuing to change with the times. We continue to strive for a safer community.

Our current president, Dr. Brian R. McMahon's platforms this year include - Covid Hesitancy, continuing telehealth & use of regular devices without using zoom, issues with insurance companies, developing a "safety campaign" to avoid accidental injuries for children, & to explore the idea of RCMS ACO (accountable care organization) to organize groups of doctors & hospitals to come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to all Medicare patients.

Our Goals are the same. We always look to increase participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The Society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community.

The physicians of Richmond County embody the best of what our profession has to offer. We strive to provide excellent healthcare. We continue to pursue advances in medicine and to advance our knowledge, through ongoing educational programs. We have a strong belief in the importance of participation in organized medicine, as evidenced by the success of the Richmond County Medical Society.

UPDATES -

- The Annual Women in Medicine Event was held on 9/17 and supported by Abbvie. The event was held at Taste of India, and it was a huge success as always. We were honored to have Dr. Jane Zucker, Assistant Commissioner - NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, join us via zoom for a Q&A regarding the Covid vaccine
- October 29, 2021 is the Annual Past President Dinner/Meeting which will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn's Above. We are expecting over 125 guests. We have 11 sponsors for the event and 6 award recipients to be honored.
- Jim Bavoso (Provider outreach & Education Manager/Anthem) forwarded information to me for our office managers & physicians. It included the new National Government Services website. The links were sent to all parties.
- Our November Thanksgiving Comitia Minora Meeting will be held at our office conference room at 900 South Ave.

Medical Society of the County of Kings

- All events are virtual for at least the remainder of 2021.
 - On October 6th, during a quiet and informal Stated Meeting, Dr. Prasad Gudavalli handed the gavel of Presidency to Dr. Lawrence Melniker, MD, MS, MBA.
 - Our virtual Legislative Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 28th. We are honored to have Dr. Joseph Sellers, Troy Oechsner and Moe Auster join us. At this time, we are expecting Assembly Members Richard Gottfried, Steven Cymbrowitz, Senator Andrew Gounardes and possibly Senator Diane Savino and Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis.
 - The planning of our 2022 Bicentennial is underway. We will appointment chairs of the subcommittees at our October 25 meeting. We will also finalize our first press release and a resolution to request a day of commemoration.
 - Past President's "Gala," to be held in January 2022 in honor of :
 - Pardha Valluru, MD (2019-2020) and
 - Prasad Gudavalli, MD (2020-2021)