

Medical Society of the State of New York

Report of the 9th District Branch

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The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9th District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess; Orange; Putnam; Rockland and Westchester.

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9th District Branch of MSSNY as reported by County:

- The WCMS BOD met via Zoom on Thursday, December 9, 2021 and discussed county-related business, which included an update from our Commissioner of Health, Dr. Sherlita Amler on COVID and county-wide efforts on vaccination. The board also discussed membership, a potential membership agreement with Phelps hospital, presenting to local hospital staff at staff meetings, and various other issues.
- WCMS/WAM had previously scheduled a student wine tasting for January 20, but due to restrictions on in-person gatherings on campus at NYMC through January 22 we will have to reschedule the event. We will inform all members and MSSNY of the new date once it has been established.
- WCMS is working on member retention and engagement through a new initiative allowing board members to “mentor” and reach out to our new members throughout the year to check in, invite them to events, encourage them to serve on committee etc. The board has agreed that this kind of engagement could help retain members, mentor new members to take leadership positions, and encourage people to become more involved with their colleagues and form a tighter bond of community.
- WCMS President, Jeffrey Jacobson and Executive Director Janine Miller met with Dr. Sherlita Amler, Westchester Commissioner of Health to discuss the barriers to physicians providing COVID vaccines in their offices. We will be working with the DOH to disseminate information to our members about how to register to provide the vaccine, how to obtain the vaccine and the importance of providing correct information regarding safety and efficacy of vaccines in their offices. We will be distributing information in the coming weeks.
- WAM has been working with several counties around the state to provide a special program on patient engagement and cultural competence training with Dr. Mauvereen Beverley. The counties that have presented this program have had positive feedback, and Dr. Beverley has continued to offer this presentation to any county that might be interested. We ask that if anyone would like to present this program to their membership that they contact us directly for help with putting together the CME paperwork.

