

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
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- Stuart Friedman, Executive Director, and Eunice Skelly met with the president of the medical staff at Southampton Hospital to discuss an institutional membership initiative for their 218-plus staff of physicians. A proposal was presented which now needs to be reviewed and discussed with the medical staff executive committee before going to the full medical staff for a final vote. It is interesting to note that approximately 38% of staff physicians at Southampton are already SCMS/MSSNY members.
- SCMS President-elect, William R. Spencer, MD, has had preliminary discussions with the Executive Director of Huntington Hospital regarding an institutional membership initiative. There was considerable interest expressed, however, with Huntington being part of NSLIJ system, we are not yet sure where a final approval needs to come from. Based upon a review of the medical staff roster, it appears that there are approximately 1,170 physicians on staff. However, there needs to be a thorough analysis as many physicians may belong to other county societies, i.e., Nassau, Queens, etc.

Development of a group membership initiative is a top priority of Dr. Spencer's upcoming presidency.

- We wish to thank Dr. Maldonado and Phil Schuh for attending the SCMS annual meeting on May 29th. Dr. Maldonado provided very cogent comments regarding the status of healthcare and the urgent need for physicians to become involved in organized medicine through their county and state medical societies. He also stressed the importance and value that is brought to the table through institutional membership initiatives and the necessity of more physicians contributing to MSSNYPAC.
- SCMS President Maria A. Basile, MD, MBA has headed up a team working on a funding proposal to bring practice transformation to Suffolk County as part of the NYS Practice Transformation Network (NYSPTN) grant. The SCMS has joined with NYeC (New York e-Health Collaborative) and are currently waiting to hear when the grant will be awarded.
- Linda Efferen, MD, MBA, Medical Director, Office of Population Health at Stony Brook, attended a recent SCMS Executive Committee meeting and provided a detailed update on DSRIP. It is believed that the goals of the PTN are closely aligned with those of DSRIP. It is hoped that Dr. Efferen will be a frequent attendee at future SCMS Board meetings.