

8th District Council Report

1. **Physician Meetings:** Since our Annual Meeting on September 15, 2020, MSCE has performed an outreach effort among physician stakeholders in order to incentivize new membership and identify new services that could be offered by our Society. We have met with Dr. Adam Ashton (owner of Suburban Psych), Dr. Steve Turkovich (CMO of Children's National), Dr. Mike Merrill (Medical Director of Innovation and Science at Independent Health), Dr. Thomas Hughes (CMO of Physician Alliance), Dr. Thomas Foels (Medical Director of Population Health at Evergreen Health), Anne Constantino (President and CMO of Horizon Health); Dr. Morelli and Dr. Symons of UB Medical School, and Larry Zielinski (Executive Director of Primary Care IPA; a group consisting of 160 private practice groups).
2. **WNY/ILI Covid-19 Task Force:** As a result of the outreach effort, the Medical Society of Erie County has been asked to serve as coordinator of the WNY/ILI Covid-19 Task Force. This task force consists of 17 physician leaders hailing from different health systems/insurance companies, and practice groups to identify/streamline best practices in response to Covid-19.
3. **Colon Corps Letter in Support:** The MSCE has issued a letter in support of Colon Corps to advocate for lowering the screening age for colonoscopies from age 50 to age 45 in light of DOH data revealing that patients are being diagnosed with colon cancer at a younger age.
4. **Presidential Feature Page: MSCE drafts and publishes a bio of every new Medical Society President on its website** (please see www.wnydocs.org) for President Stanley Pietrak's impressive bio.
5. **Sale of the building/new rental/move:** The buyer of our building is the head of a PT facility (Kristopher Schultz), and will be converting the building to his new facility location, Performance Sports Physical Therapy. The new owner has agreed to pay \$2,300 a month in rent during the financing period until transfer of title, which will cover our rent at our new rental location until the sale.

New rental: Gardenville commercial

properties: <https://www.gardenvillecommercecenter.com/> is the new location, and provides us with a 600 square foot unit, access to two conference rooms, two lounges, and the rate is \$595.00 a month, including all utilities.

6. **Book Contract:** We have officially executed our book contract marking our 200 year anniversary with Arcadia publishing and have begun research for compiling chapters/content.
7. **New Members:** Through the outreach efforts performed at UB Medical School, and an infusion of new Resident members, MSCE has 75 new members since July 2020.