

**Bronx MSSNY Council Report**  
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**New York County Medical Society**

- The Society continue to keep members informed on numerous issues by sending all–member email messages on numerous issues including telehealth, liability issues, CARES act, sexual harassment training; COVID testing; sick leave requirements; and quarantine issues. The Society works to “funnel” vast amounts of information so that members can easily access what they need;
- The Society was disappointed that OPMC signage legislation was signed by the Governor; it has passed on sample language to its membership including the mandatory information about the OPMC website but noting that compliments about medical care should also be passed on. The Society also reminded members that all aspects of practice (including telehealth visits) should incorporate the notice in some way.
- Society members participated in an October 7, 2020, virtual reception for New York State Senate Democrats;
- The Society continues to seek out valuable member benefits for its members; and
- Society committees are underway and reviewing their agendas for the coming season and looking for ways to involve more new and new career members in the discussions.

**Bronx County Medical Society**

- Bronx County Medical Society continues throughout this ongoing pandemic with providing our membership with a range of supportive services to assist our physicians in this continued time of need from telehealth services to our endorsed financial planners like Altfest to keep membership on track.
- Bronx County Medical Society held our Annual Stated Meeting at Sergio’s Ristorante in Pelham, NY.  
We had a great turnout close to capacity for indoor dining where Bronx County Comitia & Membership honored Dr. Michelle Stern for her new role as President, our Immediate Past President Dr. Amit Saxena and acknowledging other fellow officers promoted to new leadership that were present at the event.  
We had a presentation by Equipo Health that also sponsored the dinner.
- Bronx County Medical Society and our President Dr. Stern will be creating on a County Level providers to discuss Health Disparities in the Bronx and what are some of the actions that can be taken to incorporate and engage better communication models between caregivers/patients as well as tackle issues related to high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity in the Bronx to name a few.  
This information will be passed to our President-Elect Dr. Huberman who is also on the Health Disparities Committee in MSSNY and she will address these issues as a report from Bronx County.
- Bronx County will be having our Comitia Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 via Zoom. Comitia members are always strongly urged to attend as it is an integral part to the operation of the organization.