

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
November 5, 2020
Daniel Choi, MD, Councilor

- On October 2, 2020, the SCMS Executive Committee met virtually.
 - The meeting began with a moment of silence honoring Bruce Berlin, MD (Past president in 2017, 1990, and 1991). Dr. Berlin was a strong advocate for patients and physicians. His work, friendship and memories will perpetually reside in the organization, the community, and the hearts of his friends and colleagues.
 - A “Past Presidents” Scholarship was also created with recognition of Dr. Berlin as the inaugural president. This annual scholarship will be presented to two medical students who have a focus in public health initiatives.
 - William Sellers, DO was appointed as Co-Chair of the SCMS Workers Compensation Committee
 - “Delegated Credentialing” proposed by the State Workers Compensation Board was discussed. There are multiple concerns on the affects this proposal will have and how this will ultimately alter workflow, quality and resources at the County and the State.
 - New educational programs are being developed with the Suffolk Academy of Medicine to engage medical students who are also seeking a master’s in public health.
 - With a forward-looking approach, finances, funding sources and alternate revenue streams were discussed.
 - Options to minimize unused boardroom space and relocation were also discussed, as we are not planning any in-person meetings until pandemic regulations and safety concerns are fully addressed. This will also promote greater efficiencies with less overhead.
- The SCMS and SAM webinar series continued with “Debt Management and Investments” presented by Albert D’Agosto, CLU, ChFC, CDFP of Retirement and Money Strategies. A follow up Facebook Live session was also streamed with past president Richard Schoor, MD.
- On October 9, 2020, SCMS held our first virtually “Legislative Breakfast”. Several legislators at the County and State level attend to address concerns on pandemic recovery efforts, reducing exorbitant liability costs, permitting collective negotiations, and reducing prior authorization burdens.
We thank Mr. Auster, Dr. Litvack, and Mr. Schuh for their participation and guidance.
- The Suffolk Academy of Medicine will have its annual Doctors of Tomorrow (DOT) Symposium on November 2, 2020. It will be the first virtual session for the DOT symposium. This is a popular program for High School students aspiring to enter a career in medicine.
- We continue to collaboratively work with the NYSAFP in promoting programs. They have kindly posted our webinars and promoted the P2P program.
- The next SCMS Board meeting will be on November 4, 2020