

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- The Society's Committees on CME and Public Health, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD and Peter Lombardo, MD, respectively, sponsored programs on Cardiology and COVID on February 16, 2022, and Dermatology and COVID on March 2, 2022
- The Society's Committee on Physician Wellness, chaired by Jill Baron, MD, will present a program on Spirituality and Wellness on March 10, 2022. The Committee is also planning an introductory Transcendental Meditation training offering to the membership in March.
- The Society has a full schedule of virtual visits with local legislators for Physician Advocacy Day. Members will be meeting with 10 Manhattan legislators on the afternoon of March 8.
- The Society's Delegation to the MSSNY House of Delegates has submitted 10 resolutions to the MSSNY 2022 House of Delegates meeting.
- The Society's Social Media and Public Relations Committee is working on a social media campaign beginning in April to commemorate when the New York State legislature passed legislation authorizing medical societies in the State. The Committee chairs are Richard Schutzer, MD and Michelle Zweifler, MD.
- The Society's Single Payer Task Force, chaired by Scot B. Glasberg, MD, is continuing to review the New York Health Act with consideration as to what changes need to occur in the law to improve it for physicians. The Society will be holding educational town hall sessions with members on this topic in March.
- Society Board of Trustee chair Michael T. Goldstein, MD, JD is the first candidate to declare his intention to seek the GOP nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Jim Himes, a Democrat from Greenwich who has

represented the 4th District since defeating Republican Christopher Shays in 2008.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County Medical Society will be meeting with Gustavo Rivera on Wednesday March 9, 2022 with his Legislative Director Jay Baez to assist with the Bronx Can Health Initiative.
The goal of this initiative is to get Bronxites thinking about their health and making changes to develop healthier habits.
Bronx County Medical Society lead by our President Dr. Huberman will be instrumental in engaging community health organizations & healthcare providers to come up with policy ideas for how to make the Bronx & NY State healthier.
- Bronx County Medical Society will be meeting with R.A.I.N. CEO Dr. Anderson Torres to continue working together as we did last year in providing health related topics to our older adult community through live streaming on R.A.I.N. podcast.
R.A.I.N. has twelve Bronx based and one Manhattan based full service neighborhood senior centers.
R.A.I.N commitment to the elderly and Bronx County Medical Society leadership together will continue to create health related topics that together we can disseminate to the elderly population.
- Senator Alessandra Biaggi have reached out to Bronx County Medical Society Executive Director Ronald Blount in getting support from BCMS leadership to support her bill S812A.
S812A establishes a toll free confidential hotline for complaints of workplace sexual harassment. 75% of workplace sexual harassment goes unreported often because employees don't know who to go to and what their options are, by creating a free legal hotline, employees can easily access confidential legal guidance through the Division of Human Rights and quickly identify the best next steps to stop the harassment from continuing.
Bronx County Medical Society stands by Senator Alessandra Biaggi

and Senator Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins in this important bill in moving this legislation forward and prioritizing this issue in legislation and to make sure employees in **ALL** work environments are able to be heard and report if needed.

- The NY Yankees have contacted the Bronx County Medical Society to let us know they will be celebrating Healthcare Appreciation Day at Yankee Stadium during the week of May 6th – May 11th. Healthcare workers and their families may take advantage of a special offer for these nights that includes 45% discounted tickets, a commemorative NY Yankee scrub top, as well as complimentary hot dogs & drinks. Interested physicians are to contact Executive Director Ronald Blount for more information.
- Bronx County Medical Society will be hosting our 18th Annual Doctor's Recognition Day Events, details to follow.