

MSSNY Council Report
Richmond County Medical Society March 2022

The Richmond County Medical Society is continuing to change with the times. We continue to strive for a safer community. Our current president, Dr. Brian R. McMahon's platforms this year include - Covid Hesitancy, continuing telehealth & use of regular devices without using zoom, issues with insurance companies, developing a "safety campaign" to avoid accidental injuries for children, & to explore the idea of RCMS ACO (accountable care organization) to organize groups of doctors & hospitals to come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to all medicare patients.

Our Goals are the same. We always look to increase participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The Society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine, and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community. The physicians of Richmond County embody the best of what our profession has to offer. We strive to provide excellent healthcare. We continue to pursue advances in medicine and to advance our knowledge, through ongoing educational programs. We have a strong belief in the importance of participation in organized medicine, as evidenced by the success of the Richmond County Medical Society.

UPDATES -

- Ensuring that video and audio telehealth visits will be compensated beyond the pandemic period has been the platform of Dr. McMahon's term as the 215th president. We are pleased to announce that this is now New York State law. Furthermore, the Chief Legislative Counsel for the Medical Society is advocating for legislation to require health insurers to pay for video and audio telehealth at the same amount as in-person. Physicians are encouraged to send a letter to the legislature. We have provided this information to our member base and we continue to advocate for this cause.
- Due to physician scheduling conflicts and inclement weather we canceled our in person December 2021, January 2022 & February 2022 Comitia meetings. We had open communication channels with committee chairs and all members to distribute information as needed.
- Dr. Melissa Gregeda (President Elect) and Linda Sabatino have begun to prepare for the upcoming installation of the 2022-2023 Executive Board. Installation Affair details and date to follow.
- Dr. Melissa Gregeda will also attend the MSSNY's Virtual Lobby Day on March 8th.
- We have selected our delegates for the 2022 HOD weekend. Dr. Radha Syed, Dr. Simon Kokkinakis and Dr. Melissa Grageda will all be in attendance and our representation at the event. They have been credentialed and have made booking arrangements.

- Dr. McMahon will attend quarterly staff meeting at RUMC in person on March 23,2022. SIUH quarterly meeting was originally 3/16 - IT HAS BEEN CHANGED to March 15th at 5pm and will be remote via teams (Tentatively)
- The 17th annual Chefs' Extravaganza hosted by the Staten Island Heart Society will be held on March 22nd at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7pm. We are taking a full page ad and we will be attending as an organization.
- Our March Comitia Meeting will be hosted by the Borough President's Office with a presentation by Jazmin Rivera, MPH, Director of Behavioral Health and Dr. Ginny Mantello, Director, Health and Wellness.
- Tax documents for year ending have been submitted to the accountant's office for processing.
- June 5th will be Our Legislative Brunch hosted by Dr. Radha Syed at the Hilton Garden Inn's Fountain Room (more details to follow).
- Corrie Verde and Deborah Reilly have confirmed that the Richmond County Chapter of the Alliance has been inactive for many years due to a decrease in participation and interest as well as a lack of new members. They have officially retired the Alliance with RCMS and send their thanks.

Respectfully submitted on 02/28/2022 by:

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