

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- The Society issued a statement of deepest condolences to the friends and family of the ten people who were murdered in a supermarket in Buffalo, New York in May in a racially motivated killing. The Board urged that “We must call out racism when we see it, and we must continue our work to eliminate gun violence. The New York County Medical Society is deeply committed to addressing these crises and seeing the day when they no longer plague our society.”
- Society leadership participated in a Telethon for Membership to reach out to members who were dropped.
- The Society’s Committees on CME and Public Health, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD and Peter Lombardo, MD, respectively, sponsored programs on the CURES Act on April 19; COVID 2022: Vaccine, Test & Treat, on May 17; and Diagnostic Error Analysis and Safety Steps to Mitigate, on June 6.
- The Society’s Committee on Physician Wellness, chaired by Jill Baron, MD, presented a program on Spirituality and Wellness on March 10, 2022. The Committee also has sponsored free Transcendental Meditation training through a grant for twenty members.
- The Society held two Town Hall Meetings for the membership on the topic of Single Payer Legislation; members then met with Assemblymember Richard Gottfried and Senator Gustavo Rivera to talk about issues related to the New York Health Act.
- The Society’s Delegation participated in Reference Committees and the House of Delegates and presented ten resolutions to the House.
- The Society’s Social Media and Public Relations Committee is working on a social media campaign on Society events. The Committee chairs are Richard Schutzer, MD and Michelle Zweifler, MD.
- The Society acknowledges the contributions of its President Keith LaScalea, MD, who concludes his presidency this month and will be celebrated by the Board and membership at the Annual Meeting on June 22. The Society welcomes incoming president Erick Eiting, MD, and the rest of the new officers — President–Elect Thomas Sterry, MD; Vice President Jessica J. Krant, MD, MPH; Secretary Richard Schutzer, MD; and Treasurer Jill Baron, MD.
- The Society congratulates Doctor Joseph Sellers on the successful completion of his term as MSSNY President, and looks forward to collaborating with new president Parag Mehta, MD.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County Medical Society participated in Reference Committees & The House of Delegates at the Tarrytown Marriott on May 21st our society presented 5 resolutions and supported 2 resolutions to the House.
- Bronx County Medical Society had our 1st In-Person CME Accreditation Event at Vistamar Restaurant & Lounge from 4-6:30pm in City Island on June 9th 2022. The Topic for our event was Improving Access to Behavioral Health in the Bronx and our Guest Speaker was Dr. Nermica Sarcevic who is the Vice-Chair of Jacobi Medical Center and Dr. Sarcevic is also a Psychiatrist with over 30 years of experience. Comitia and BCMS membership was invited and it was a well attended event, Networking was from 4pm-5pm followed by our Guest Speaker from 5-6:30pm, we would like to thank our 5 sponsors for attending including MLMIC.
- The Bronx County Medical Society has received sad news regarding Executive Director Kathi Dyman who represented Medical Societies, Counties of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego, and Cayuga. Kathi was a wonderful person who guidance and support for newer executives we're truly unmatched and genuine in nature. Donations may be made to Upstate Cerebral Palsy or the American Heart Association. A complete obituary may be viewed at the Scala & Roefaro Funeral Home website- www.scalaroefaro.com.
- Bronx County Medical Society would like to welcome Dr. Chandana Attoti as our incoming President as well as thanking Dr. Nina Huberman for doing an exceptional job and accomplishing her goals during her tenure.
- Bronx County Medical Society would like to thank Dr. Joseph Sellers for doing an excellent job as he exemplified outstanding leadership and look forward to working with the Incoming MSSNY President Dr. Parag Metha.