

MSSNY Council Report
Richmond County Medical Society June 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.
- 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 attended the MSSNY's Virtual Lobby Day on March 8th.
- We have heard from our selected delegates that the 2022 HOD weekend was a great success! Dr. Simon Kokkinakis and Dr. Melissa Grageda attendanced and will give a full report at our next Comitia Minora meeting on June 9, 2022.
- The 17th annual Chefs' Extravaganza hosted by the Staten Island Heart Society was held on March 22nd at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7pm. We showed our support for the cause in the journal distributed at the event. I lovely evening was had by all that attended.

- Tax documents for year ending have been submitted to the accountant's office for processing.
- June 23, 2022 - Installation of our Executive Officers 2022-2023, Dinner & Stated Meeting will be held at Li Greci's The Staaten. We are expecting a great showing in support of our President Elect and the entire board.

Respectfully submitted on 06/06/2022 by:

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