

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- The Society has relocated. The new office is 246 West 38 Street, Ste. 501, New York, NY 10018–9089. Phone and email are the same — stop by and see us!
- The Society’s Committees on CME and Public Health, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD and Peter Lombardo, MD, respectively, are working on the fall Grand Round series. First up will be courtesy of the Committee on Physician Wellness. Chair Jill Baron, MD, and Program Director Steven Mandell are putting together the program, “Physician Addiction: A Health Care Crisis,” for late October.
- Society President Erick Eiting was quoted in an article in *The Gothamist* on monkeypox, along with MSSNY President Parag Mehta, MD. Doctor Eiting noted that the current federal protocols are hindering access to the drug, and said “there have been times when I’ve seen patients where I wish that there weren't these barriers in place and that I could just give them the medication.”
- The Society has been urging members to communicate with Governor Kathy Hochul on the wrongful death bill, prior authorization, and other issues. Members are being asked to mobilize to reach out to their federal representatives as well on looming Medicare cuts.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County Medical Society will be discussing supporting Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn who introduced Mickie's Law to ensure expected mothers who encounter fetal deaths get the treatment they need, especially in the event of an emergency.

After the abolishment of Roe v. Wade, the standard of care for the removal of dead fetuses is being scrutinized, delayed, or even denied. Even in New York State, expectant mothers who experience a fetal death are not guaranteed timely access to the medical treatment they require to remove a dead fetus using procedures established in the public health code.

The bill is named Mickie’s Law in honor of the fetus loss of parents, who were denied removal treatment due to a hospital’s religious beliefs. While carrying the dead fetus, the parents searched for a hospital in New York before the decomposition became life-threatening. The bill aims to amend public health law to require a timely procedure to remove a deceased fetus from the womb within 48 hours of notification; providers must notify patients within 24 hours after identifying the results of fetus or embryo death; referral of patients to another healthcare provider if not available to perform services; require a registry for facilities that perform such services; and require OBGYN Residents to be fully trained and educated in these well-established and accepted procedures.

- Bronx County Medical Society Executive Leadership had met with Senior

Leadership at Montefiore to discuss the relocation of the Family Health

Center at Fordham Plaza.

Bronx County Medical Society needed clarification as the new clinic is

Approx 2.5 miles away and will be a transportation nightmare for the

Marginalized and vulnerable populations in the Bronx area where for

More than 3 decades was a connection to a community and now will

Devastate the relationships thousands of patients have come to trust.

Our BXCMS councilor Dr. David Jakubowicz have been told by Monte

Leadership that they have existing locations within the area which was

a sigh of relief for the underserved population at large in the Fordham

section of the Bronx.

- Bronx County Medical Society have been in contact with the NY Yankees

Corporate offices to provide Healthcare Discounts for Healthcare workers

and with the success have provided discounts for healthcare workers to attend

this upcoming month of 9/30-10/2 weekend series vs. Baltimore.

Tickets can be purchased via this link:

<https://offer.fevo.com/healthcare-special-1da4ea1?ref=HUNSBERGER>

Feel free to share the discount link with anyone who may be interested.

Lets go Yankees!!

- Bronx County Medical Society will be having our 108th Year BCMS Annual

Gala located at The Marina Del Rey located at 1 Marina Drive.

We will be honoring our Immediate Past President and introducing our

new President Dr, Chandana Attoti.

Special Elected Official Guest will be attending, details to follow.

