

MSSNY Council Report

Richmond County Medical Society September 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. Melissa Grageda, is focused on her platform this year - Child Safety. The executive committee hit the ground running, as we organized a task force in Staten Island for Child Safety and Injury Prevention. Unfortunately, Firearm-related injury is now the leading cause of death in US children, and Richmond County Medical Society is taking action! Our first collaborative goal is to launch an awareness campaign to prevent firearm injuries, and to make existing mental health resources more accessible. The next step is an educational campaign for providers regarding best practices on firearm screening and injury prevention.

Our Goals remain 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:

- June 23, 2022 - Installation of our Executive Officers 2022-2023, Dinner & Stated Meeting was held at Li Greci's The Staaten. We had a great showing in support of our President Elect and the entire board including a mention in the Staten Island Advance, who reported on the event.
- This summer, Monkeypox virus became a public health emergency. To raise awareness on prevention, diagnosis and management, we partnered with the New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Staten Island Borough Presidents' Office to host two Monkeypox webinars in July.
- The Primer, In-Person Comitia Meeting will be held on September 13th at Lorenzo's Restaurant & Cabaret at the Hilton Garden Inn. We have a special presentation by Dr. Lisa Eng to follow the meeting entitled "Practice Management: Strategies for Private Practices to Thrive."
- Our September Newsletter is in progress and will be distributed to our member base in person at our upcoming Comita Meeting and posted digitally to our website.
- October 23rd marks our annual Legislative Brunch. Our chair, Dr. Radha Syed and the Executive Administrative team are working diligently to make this event a success.

- Note that our annual Women in Medicine event will be held on December 9th this year, rather than in the fall. We are looking forward to this celebration of female physicians as always.
- Attached to this report you will find the 2022-2023 RCMS Events Calendar. We distributed this to our members in August to facilitate scheduling and increase event attendance.

Respectfully submitted on 08/29/2022 by:

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