

MSSNY Council Report

Richmond County Medical Society November 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:

- 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. We are expecting many of Staten Island's most influential legislators to attend including our Borough President Vito Fossella with his Senior Advisor, Dr. Ram Raju. Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis has been invited as well as former Congressman Max Rose. NYS Assembly Member Michael Tannousis, NYS Council member David M. Carr and Representative Justin Bolusi are also expected to attend.
- The Premier, In-Person Comitia Meeting was held on September 13th at Lorenzo's Restaurant & Cabaret at the Hilton Garden Inn. We had a special presentation by Dr. Lisa Eng entitled "Practice Management: Strategies for Private Practices to Thrive." We so appreciated her time and support of our society.
- This quarter we had two philanthropic interests. As a society we participated in the JDRF One Walk for Juvenile Diabetes on October 16th. We raised \$2,715 for the cause. We will also be represented at the Autism Walk on October 23rd. Our very own Dr. John Maese is a chair at this annual event.
- Our next Comita Meeting will be held on November 1st via zoom.

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- The Past President Dinner/Meeting honoring Dr. Brian R. McMahon will be held on November 11th at the Hilton Garden Inn, “The Above”. This annual event is always a very well attend and extremely special evening.

Respectfully submitted on 10/21/2022 by:

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