

Council Report
Richmond County Medical Society
June 2024

On April 12-14, 2024 RCMS delegates who attended MSSNY HOD were: Dr. Ana Mendez, Dr. Radha Syed, Dr. Anthony Sgarlato, Dr. Simon Kokkinakis, and Dr. Melissa Grageda (First District Branch).

On May 19, 2024 RCMS held their annual legislative brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn. On this day, doctors and local legislators discuss health care policy and patient advocacy. A total of 25 guests attended, including nine legislators/representatives* and MSSNY president Dr. Jerome Cohen. Topics discussed included prior authorization, cyber-security in healthcare, physician burnout, grieving families act, and access to ABA therapy.

*Legislator/representatives who attended: 63rd District Assemblyman Sam Pirozollo, and representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis, Senator Scarcella-Spanton, 49th district Councilwoman Kamillah Hanks, 50th district Councilman David Carr and 64th District Assemblyman Michael Tannousis, and the Staten Island Borough PResident's Office.

On June 10, 2024 the annual dinner meeting and installation of 2024-25 officers were held at the Staaten. The event was a success, with 125 guests in attendance. Dr Ana Mendez was installed as the 218th president of RCMS, Dr. Ishita Kharode as President-Elect, Dr. Melissa Grageda as vice-president, and Dr. Miroshnichenko as Treasurer. Promotion of health equity will be the focus of Dr. Mendez' tenure.

This summer, the medical society plans to hold its annual Young Physician Mixer, chaired by our vice-president Dr. Ishita Kharode.

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