

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- Nick Novak hired as ED of NYCMS.

- Representatives from the New York County Delegation participated in the 2024 MSSNY House of Delegates. Several NYCMS-developed resolutions were approved. Here are the key highlights:
 - **Resolution in Support:** The House supported Dr. Michael Goldstein, NYCMS Past President and Chair of the CME Committee, in his candidacy for the Fourth Congressional District, recognizing his longstanding commitment to NYCMS and MSSNY
 - **Practice Environment:** A resolution addressing the need to redesign MIPS (CMS’s quality program) and ensure physician inclusion in the redesign team was approved, with an interesting amendment suggesting the elimination of MIPS or the requirement that all its elements measurably improve patient outcomes.
 - **Retail Pharmacies:** Concerns were raised regarding obstacles affecting patients' ability to obtain medications without errors or delays. This resolution was referred to the Council for deeper exploration due to its complexity.
 - **Physician Disciplinary Actions:** NYCMS advocated for aligning the reporting of physician disciplinary actions on two different NYS Health Department websites, proposing a 10-year time limit for retaining data (except for license revocations).
 - **MSSNY Procedures Modernization:** Resolutions questioned the necessity of subjecting every vendor contract to a full RFP process and recommended adding warnings to CMS programs like “Making Care Primary” that could have ethical and financial implications.

- The Society joins MSSNY and the NYS Society of Plastic Surgeons in supporting S. 2680A (Breslin) / A.859A (McDonald) via sign on letter.
- NYCMS membership attended NYS DACC NYC event.
- NYCMS and The Doctors Company (TDC) host CME entitled “Improve Documentation to improve defense strategies on May 15.
- The board of the NYCMS met on May 20th to approve the new officers and directors and discuss new business.

- NYCMS annual meeting held on June 17 welcoming Dr. Jessica J. Krant MD, MPH as President of the Society.
- The Society hosted a webinar entitled Climate Change & Health on June 18th.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County Medical Society held it's 21st Annual Doctor's Recognition Day Symposium at Mercy University on May 8th and was titled " Updates on Healthcare in the Bronx".

We had 4 very distinguished guest speakers whose names are:

- Dr. Lynne Holden- Professor, Dept of Medicine, Senior Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusive.

- Dr, Matthew N. Bartels- Chairman of Rehabilitation Med for Montefiore/Einstein.

- Dr. David Z. Prince- Director of Cardiopulmonary Rehab, Fellowship Director, Assistant Professor, PMR & General Medicine.

- Dr. Yolanda Pham- Resident Rehab Physician, Montefiore/Einstein

Bronx County Physicians assigned to the Gala Committee we're able to judge both medical students for their abstracts displayed as well as award 5 physicians from different healthcare organizations Peer to Peer awards by their senior leadership which each leadership physician had to announce why they felt the respected candidate deserve such a prestigious award.

Kudos to the Gala Committee members Dr. Rikhil Kochhar, Dr. Realba Rodriguez, Dr. Michael Pisacano, Dr. Michelle Stern, Dr. Betty Kolod and Ronald Blount, Executive Director.

- Bronx County Medical Society leadership have met with Senator Nathalia Fernandez & Assemblywoman Karrine Reyes on the shortage of physicians in Puerto Rico. Upon a trip to Puerto Rico from our Executive Director Ronald Blount he seemed to notice an absence in physicians in the town of Adjuntas, Ponce and Mayaguez, the number one complaint in Puerto Rico was healthcare and the absence of physicians providing quality healthcare.

Upon his arrival back from a short vacation he met with his senior leadership about how we at Bronx County Medical Society can help, so a few physicians from our county and myself met with the legislators and they as well we're unaware and concerned deeply.

We have a follow-up meeting in 2 weeks with both legislators and some of the CEO 's of the major healthcare institutions in the Bronx to remedy this shortage of healthcare on the island.

- Bronx County Medical Society would like to congratulate Urban Health Plan CEO

Paloma Izquierdo- Hernandez in the Bronx with being a Key to the Borough

Recipient & Bronx Walk of Fame Inductee, her name will be on a sign in front of
Bronx Supreme Court.

CEO Paloma Izquierdo- Hernandez is the daughter of Dr. Richard Izquierdo who

not only was Bronx County Medical Society President from 2000-2001 but has been named a
giant in healthcare in the Bronx seeing a need as a physician in 1962 and upon his death in
2020, Dr, Richard Izquierdo also opened a Health & Science Charter School, a 6 to 12 grade
school before he passed to provide an equitable education to the South Bronx community he
served, his vision for this school will be to provide a pipeline of health care professionals. his
daughter Paloma has continued to fulfill his legacy with a system of community health centers
throughout the Bronx serving over 110,000 individuals. His bio is attached.

- Bronx County Medical Society will be having our President's Farewell Dinner on
Thursday June 27th at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Bronx Metro Center Atrium
1776 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY, 10461.

The dinner will be the welcoming of President- Elect Dr. Rikhil Kochhar becoming
President and a celebratory dinner to our current president Dr. Vilma Joseph who
will now be our Immediate Past President, we congratulate Dr. Vilma Joseph for
doing an exceptional job as President of BCMS, we thank you Dr. Joseph.