

Medical Society of the State of New York

Report of the 9th District Branch **June 20, 2024**

Daniel Gold, MD, Councilor

The Medical Society of the State of New York's 9th District Branch is comprised of the following county medical societies: Dutchess; Orange; Putnam; Rockland and Westchester.

Below is the Report of Activities within the 9th District Branch of MSSNY as reported by County:

Westchester County

- The Westchester Academy of Medicine once again contributed to the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair scholarship fund. WAM sponsored scholarships for several winners in categories related to medicine and medical research. We invited the top three winners to our Annual Meeting on June 4, 2024 where they were presented with an award by Academy President Daniel Gold, MD.
- WCMS held its annual membership meeting for Tuesday, June 4, 2024. The meeting was held at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY and was attended by sponsors, members and their families. We would like to thank MSSNY President, Dr. Jerome Cohen for joining us and speaking to our attendees. This year we honored Derek Anderson, MPH, FACHE, Executive Director Northern Westchester Hospital Northwell Health as our "Friend of Medicine" awardee and Tara Buonocore-Rut, MHA, President & CEO CenterLight Healthcare PACE as our "Friend of the Society" awardee. In addition we elected the following officers for 2024-2025:
 - Kham Ali, MD, President
 - Anais Carniciu, MD, President-elect
 - Marshal Peris, MD, Vice President
 - Thomas Lee, MD, Treasurer
 - Bruce Molinelli, MD Secretary
 - Peter Acker, MD, Immediate Past President.
- WAM held our annual New York Medical College Student wine tasting on May 2, 2024 at the Prospero Winery in Pleasantville, NY. The event was attended by more than 50 medical students and 20 physicians. The students learned about the wine making process from some of our physician wine makers and enjoyed an evening with their fellow classmates and our physician leaders. A wonderful time was had by all.

Orange County

- The Orange County Medical Society is now being run administratively by the Westchester County Medical Society. Please direct all OCMS inquires to the WCMS staff.

Dutchess County

- DCMS spring meeting took place on May 30th. The event took place at the new Pavilion of the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres took place on a gorgeous evening on their outdoor patio overlooking the Hudson River and Mid-Hudson bridge. We headed into the O'Shea Conference center for a presentation on "*Cybersecurity in Medicine*" by Tony Palackal Regional Vice President and Associate CIO of WMC Health. The presentation reviewed best practices to help prevent cyberattacks, what to do if your practice is attacked and how to protect practices from malware and ransomware. It was extremely informative, and the event was well received.
- DCMS has a new mailing address: PO Box 444, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
- DCMS has eliminated a phone contact number and created a general email inquiry address: info@dcms.org.
- DCMS Executive Director Brenda Lynch resigned in March after 4 years and has moved out of state. We thank Brenda very much for her many years of service and wish her well in all her new endeavors.
- DCMS hired a new Executive Director in April. Rachel Etkin has accepted the role and brings many years of experience. She has worked as an event planner for over 25 years the majority of which have been for Medical Education and Pharmaceutical promotional events. Rachel can be reached at retkin@dcms.org and we are excited to partner with her.
- DCMS will be hosting our elections and Fall meeting sometime in October. Date and location to follow.