

Nassau County Medical Society

Councilor's Report – June 20, 2024

David Podwall, MD, Councilor

This is an update on the recent activities and achievements of the Nassau County Medical Society (NCMS) and the Nassau Academy of Medicine (NAM). The following topics have significant implications for physicians and patients in Nassau County and the state as a whole:

1. Media Coverage for NCMS:

NCMS has received extensive media coverage in esteemed outlets such as Newsday, CBS, and Channel 12. These media channels have featured NCMS in discussions and reports on a wide range of topics that directly impact physicians and patients in Nassau County and beyond. The coverage has shed light on critical healthcare issues, facilitating informed discussions and advocating for the well-being of our members and the community. You can see more of our media coverage on our website: www.nassaucountymedicasociety.org.

2. Annual NCMS Gala:

The Annual NCMS Gala, held on May 21, 2024, to honor Dr. Podwall, was an outstanding success. The gala served as a noteworthy platform to recognize Dr. Podwall's remarkable contributions to the medical field. It brought together a diverse range of esteemed professionals, community leaders, and stakeholders, fostering meaningful connections and collaborations. The event not only celebrated Dr. Podwall's achievements but also showcased the unity and strength of the medical community in Nassau County.

3. Affiliate Program with Nassau County High Schools:

Our newly launched Affiliate Program with Nassau County High Schools has gained significant traction. This program aims to engage and inspire the next generation of medical professionals. Through partnerships with local high schools, we provide students with opportunities to explore healthcare careers, gain hands-on experience, and receive mentorship from experienced physicians. As we gear up for the new calendar year, we are excited to expand our reach and impact by collaborating with the Great Neck School District, further strengthening our commitment to nurturing future healthcare leaders.

4. Pride in the Profession Scholarship:

We are delighted to announce that the Pride in the Profession Scholarship is entering its third year. This prestigious scholarship program continues to empower and support aspiring medical students in their educational journeys. NCMS is actively disseminating information about the scholarship to local medical schools, ensuring that deserving candidates are aware of this invaluable opportunity. By investing in the future of medicine, we aim to cultivate excellence and passion among the next generation of physicians.

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5. Physician Wellness and Burnout Program:

Recognizing the pressing issue of physician burnout, NCMS is developing a comprehensive program to address this challenge. Our physician wellness initiatives will include educational workshops, access to mental health resources, and advocacy for systemic changes that prioritize physician well-being. We firmly believe that by prioritizing the holistic well-being of physicians, we can enhance patient care outcomes and foster a sustainable healthcare system.

6. Creative Recruiting and Retention Initiatives:

In addition to our physician burnout program, NCMS is continually exploring innovative strategies to recruit and retain talented physicians. We are actively partnering with local medical schools and residency programs to establish mentorship programs, providing guidance and support to medical students and residents. Furthermore, we are collaborating with various local and national organizations to create attractive incentives and benefits packages that address the evolving needs and preferences of physicians. By implementing these initiatives, we aim to attract and retain top-tier medical professionals, ensuring the provision of high-quality healthcare services in Nassau County.

In conclusion, NCMS remains dedicated to advocating for the interests of physicians and patients in Nassau County. Through media coverage, successful events like the Annual NCMS Gala, educational partnerships, scholarship programs, and initiatives focused on physician wellness and creative recruiting and retention, we are actively shaping the future of healthcare. We are committed to advancing the medical profession and improving healthcare outcomes for the benefit of all.