

MSSNY Council Report
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New York County Medical Society

- The Society held a successful annual Legislative Breakfast on January 28, 2024, with the New York County Psychiatric Society, and New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, at the New York Academy of Medicine. Keynote speaker was Assembly Health Chair Amy Paulin, and shared ideas with Manhattan Assemblymembers Alex Bores and Tony Simone. The Society continues to urge its members to use the MSSNY Grassroots Action Center to send letters on the Governor's budget that affect doctors. As part of that effort, the Society also sent all members a survey asking for specific examples of how expansion of scope of practice has affected patient care in their experience.
- The Society is bringing a bus into Albany tomorrow for Physician Advocacy Day and have scheduled afternoon visits with Manhattan legislators.
- The Society has submitted a number of resolutions for the 2024 HOD and looks forward to debating critical issues with colleagues around the State in April.
- The Society, along with the First District Branch, submitted its testimony on plans for congestion pricing in New York City, with potential harm to patients and physician practices, in February.
- The Society followed up with legislators on a resolution passed at last year's HOD on a bill would amend the limited liability company law and the partnership law, to eliminate the requirements for printed public legal notice for the formation of limited liability companies in New York State, which are financial barriers and administrative burdens to physicians opening medical practices. We thank The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) for supporting this legislation.
- The Society held its Annual 2024 Medicare Update with NGS on January 17, 2024.
- Over eighty people attended the Society's Healthy Aging Seminar on January 30, 2024. The CME Committee, chaired by Michael Goldstein, MD, JD, and the Public Health Committee, chaired by Peter Lombardo, MD, continued its Diabetes series with a program on A Plant Based Approach to Fight Diabetes for the most recent Update on February 8, 2024.
- The Society is scheduling its program "Current Headwinds in Medical Claims Litigation: What Are the New Challenges, and What Measures Are Being Taken?" with the Doctors Company on February 27.

Bronx County Medical Society

- Bronx County Medical Society leadership and members continues to stay active in its participation in all activities in the Bronx and one important one was a Master Plan for Aging Town Hall being hosted by one of our Comitia members Dr. Anderson Torres, who is the CEO of Rain Total Care in the Bronx. Dr. Torres runs 22 Senior buildings in the Bronx for the elderly and invited membership at large to attend this event that was being hosted at one of his adult centers in the Bronx.

The town hall purpose was to provide the public a chance to give their input and details the efforts that the state through philanthropic, academic, private, and local partnerships is taking toward becoming the most age and disability- friendly state in the nation. The goal of the MPA (Master Plan for Aging) is to advance transformative and cross- cutting strategies that address issues that all New Yorkers encounter within their lifetimes and to do so with a sustained focus on ensuring equity in aging and disability.

Governor Hochul signed Executive Order 23 in November 2022, calling for the development of a Master Plan for Aging to improve the lives of today's older New Yorkers and people with disabilities and building a better system of care and more inclusive communities for tomorrow.

Bronx County leadership's input in sharing their experiences was very helpful to the Governor as she was there in attendance as well as the NYS DOH and the NYS Office for the Aging Chief of Staff.

There will be ongoing meetings and will keep you informed of the processes.

- Bronx County Medical Society was invited by Senator Nathalia Fernandez to attend their 2024 Bronx Senate Delegation Virtual Budget Forum on February 21st at 6pm via Zoom.

Bronx membership at large and many attended including our President Dr. Vilma Joseph who gave testimony to the Senators about disabled children on Medicaid and Scope of Practice to name a few topics being addressed to the Senate.

The meeting was well attended and the information was well received and there will be a follow-up meeting coming soon with resolutions to the questions proposed.

The Senate that was on the panel were Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Chairman- Senator Jamaal T. Bailey, Senator Gustavo Rivera, Senator Jose Serrano, Senator Luis Sepulveda, and Senator Robert Jackson.

- Bronx County Medical Society President Dr. Vilma Joseph has encouraged our membership to attend at least 3-4 events in her tenure as we continue to expand our reach

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while increasing our membership and footprint in the Bronx and one of those events is St. Catherine Academy that is having a career day on March 11th from 8am-12 noon. Bronx County selected leadership including Dr. Joseph will be in attendance for this upcoming career day.

- Bronx County Medical Society Comitia has begun the process in reviewing and preparing resolutions for the 2024 HOD that will be held at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale from April 12 to April 14.

Bronx County looks forward to co-sponsoring resolutions and attending this important upcoming event.

- The Bronx County Medical Society is having our 20th Annual Doctor's Recognition Day Event May 8th at Mercy University. We are looking forward to our speakers as this year we will be selecting new members that have joined over the past 6 months to prepare a topic to speak about in their professions, as well as medical students submitting abstracts with our leadership judging the abstracts for prizes being given as well as our Peer to Peer in Excellence Awards given out to our physicians that will be honored by their superiors in their respected professions. A flier is being distributed out on Monday and please feel free to share, details coming soon.
- At the January 18th Council, The Bronx County Medical Society and the First District Branch asked the Medical Society of the State of New York to participate in the National Medical Association's Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, being held in Manhattan from August 3 - 7. The National Medical Association (NMA) is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients in the United States. The NMA is a 501(c) (3) national professional and scientific organization representing the interests of more than 50,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research, and partnerships with federal and private agencies. ([National Medical Association Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly – Just another WordPress site \(nmanet.org\)](https://nmanet.org))

The Council asked for questions prior to this Council meeting:

*How many attendees were from New York? **NMA has 875 members in New York. The following link [National Medical Association 2024 Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly \(afassanoco.com\)](https://afassanoco.com) will bring you to the landing page with attendee demographics from 2022. It will soon be updated. In 2023 we had approximately 2,200 registered attendees.***

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Has the NMA partnered with a state Medical Society in the past? I do not believe that we've had a state medical society exhibit in the past from browsing my database. Medical Society Consortium ClimateHealth has however.

Please send me the final exhibitor packet. We have not launched our applications yet, hopefully next week, but have the exhibitor prospectus up online National Medical Association 2024 Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly (afassanoco.com). Here is the brochure/sponsor information from the meeting (Link to sponsorship menu) [National Medical Association 2024 \(a2zinc.net\)](http://NationalMedicalAssociation2024.a2zinc.net)