

Nassau County Medical Society

Councilor's Report – January 18, 2024

David Podwall, MD, Councilor

It is with great pleasure that I present the Nassau County Medical Society Councilor Report, focusing on the many noteworthy achievements and events that our organization has undertaken over the last two months. Through our unified efforts, we have attained meaningful goals and served our community in impactful ways.

1. **Onboarding of NYU Long Island Medical School:** In the last quarter of 2023, we successfully onboarded NYU Long Island Medical School into our network of academic partnerships. This addition gives us collaborative relationships with all three medical schools located in Nassau County: Hofstra, NYIT, and now NYU Long Island as well. Having connections with the future physicians being trained in our own backyard will surely help achieve our mission of serving the healthcare needs of the community.
2. **Partnership Renewals:** We are pleased to report that all contract renewal negotiations were successful in securing our partnerships for another year with Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Northshore University Hospital, and the rest of our group affiliates. Conversations are already underway regarding potential opportunities to deepen a few select relationships starting in early 2024.
3. **Press Conference with CDC Director:** In November, NCMS President Dr. Podwall was invited to an event hosted by the Nassau County Department of Health. There, newly appointed CDC Director Dr. Many Cohen spoke about her vision and priorities leading the nation's premier public health agency. Dr. Podwall represented our Society exceptionally well during this high-profile occasion that brought greater awareness to our important work.
4. **Fall Social:** Held in November at the charming venue of The Barn in Old Bethpage, over 100 members and guests joined us for an enjoyable evening of food, drinks, mingling and more. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the fun activities and quality networking time. It was a great way to end the year on a celebratory note.
5. **Scholarship Winners:** The well-deserving recipients of our 2023 Pride in the Profession Scholarships were announced - David Zuckerman from NYMC, Christina Bogdani from NYIT, and Brien Maney from Hofstra. These students exemplify excellence in academics, and we are proud to support the next generation of physicians.
6. **Imagine Awards Application:** In hopes of securing funding to expand physician wellness programs on Long Island, an innovative grant proposal was submitted through the Imagine Awards. Notification of the selection process is anticipated in early 2024.

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7. **Book and Toy Drive:** Held in early December, our drive for underprivileged children brought in many donations from generous members and was distributed among several local charities. The holiday spirit of giving back to our community was strong.
8. **Wrongful Death Bill Opposition:** The phonathon campaign against this troublesome legislation maintained steady momentum. Members contacted the governor and multiple assembly representatives to voice concerns.
9. **New Board Announced:** At the December Board Meeting, the 2024 Nassau Academy of Medicine Board slate was presented and approved by members.
10. **Last Board Meeting:** Our board convened for a productive final meeting of 2023 and holiday reception on December 19th at Morton's Steakhouse.
11. **NYIT Membership Event:** Held on January 10th, we were glad we could participate in NYIT's well-organized event for medical students that fostered new networking opportunities.
12. **Social Media Growth:** All major online platforms saw sizeable increases in followership over the past few months. We aim to sustain this engagement.
13. **Fellowship Program Relaunch:** Scheduled for rollout this spring, the re-envisioned program of mentorship and guidance physicians looks very promising.
14. **Our Spring Membership Meeting** has been scheduled for March 19, 2024, at the Hofstra University Club. Our keynote speaker for this event will be former FDA Commissioner, Dr. Scott Gottlieb.