



# NASSAU COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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As election day approaches, your county medical society has been working to get our issues heard. Last week, our legislative committee, chaired by Dr. Joel Portnoy, had meetings with NYS Assemblywoman Griffin and Solages, NYS Senator Brooks, and staff for Senators Thomas and Kaplan. We were able to relay concerns about legislation that would expand wrongful death as well as the scope of practice. During this time, we expressed support for new rules that do not allow insurance companies to deny care unless they have NYS-licensed physicians in the same or similar specialty reviewing the claim. The state legislators all promised to work with the medical society on these and many other issues. We strive to provide access for physicians and physician concerns to the top decision-makers in Albany to all of our members. The opportunity to work alongside other county medical societies, under the state medical society (MSSNY) to promote positive change is what makes your membership invaluable.

One bill that awaits the Governor's decision is on expanding wrongful death. It permits recovery for survivors' emotional damage and loss of companionship. The survivor can be anyone close to the person who passes. This may increase malpractice rates by 40%, and we have been working tirelessly to sound the alarm on this bill. Our MSSNY President, Dr. Parag Mehta, was quoted in the *New York Post* editorial this past week, calling for the governor to veto this bill. The medical society has been working with hospitals, municipalities, and business groups, all of which would see large increases in insurance premiums to get the word out to the public. Last week, MLMIC (a medical malpractice carrier) put full-page ads in *Newsday* calling for this to be vetoed. [Thank you, MLMIC!] We as physicians need to do our part. Please take action and [send a message to the Governor to veto this bill](#) and protect the medical field and physicians who practice in New York State.

The Nassau County Medical Society continues to work on behalf of all physicians. Please join us at our next event on November 19th, honoring our Immediate Past President, Dr. Ron Menzin. Our guest speaker will be the former Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Jerome Adams. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!