



Medical Staff Society

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Carmen J. Rodriguez. I have the privilege and honor to serve as the President of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center Medical Staff Society as of July 1, 2019.

I am an obstetrician gynecologist, in private practice, for the last 23 years. I have been a member of the LIJ Medical Staff for the past 13 years. In addition, as a per diem hospitalist, I have spent a lot of time at LIJMC.

My most fervent desire, as your President, is to represent and serve all of the medical/dental staff, whether voluntary or employed.

In keeping with the by-laws of the medical staff society, the goals before us in this new medical year are:

- To make the medical staff society relevant to all physicians' professional lives
- To foster communication between administration and the medical staff
- To promote education
- To maintain professionalism and ethical values
- To pursue the wellbeing of the medical staff with the objective of optimizing the delivery of healthcare

Your own LIJ Medical Staff Society:

1. Represents you to the hospital administration, the Northwell system and to the community at-large
2. Has representation in the workings of the hospital by its involvement in several committees such as the medical board, the credentials committee, the performance improvement coordinating group and others
3. Sponsors and supports clinical and educational projects and physicians post graduate education through monetary grants
4. Coordinates various events throughout the year, which foster social interaction and education
 - a. Annual Black Tie Gala
 - b. Physician Socials
 - c. Annual Meeting
5. Provides Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) membership for all its members. MSSNY offers many services for physicians including advocacy. (Please see our website for more information)
6. Hosts monthly advisory board and medical staff affairs meetings to discuss and plan various projects and activities for the year and formulate ways and means to deal with the daily challenges of our

profession. In addition, these meetings are a platform to enhance communication with the hospital administration

I hope to encourage and motivate each one of you to become an active member of the medical staff society in any way possible. Even the smallest commitment can make an impact.

You can join us at one or several monthly meetings and you can also join or participate in any of our committees: Good and Welfare, Women in Medicine, Education and Research and Bylaws.

Please visit the Medical Staff Society office located in the physicians lounge next to medical records office, 1st floor room 1095 and drop a note in our suggestion box. The Attending and Surgical lounges are private areas designed for your comfort while completing medical records, having breakfast or socializing with your colleagues.

Feel free to utilize the staff society website www.lijmedicalstaffsociety.org or call the medical staff society office 718.470.8708. The website can be a tool to stay informed regarding meetings, events or simply a way to communicate with your officers. We are fully committed to listen to your concerns and suggestions, accept your cooperation and represent you to the best of our abilities.

The officers of the medical staff society

Dr. David Zeltsman – President Elect

Dr. Kevin Hyman – Treasurer

Dr. Omid Kohani – Secretary

The changes in the practice of medicine have put many demands upon physicians, please join in as TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE!

Looking forward to a great new medical year.

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