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Proclamation

Whereas, New York boasts an ever-evolving and improving set of medical guidelines, as well as an unending wellspring of highly capable medical professionals who have established our city as one of the nation's strongest voices in the field of health care. For two centuries, The Medical Society of the County of Kings (MSCK) has been a standard-bearer in this effort. Today, I am pleased to commend its dedication to the ideals of community, the responsible practice of medicine, and the people of our great city.

Whereas, In response to the lack of regulation within the medical community at that time, Dr. Adrian Vanderveer, with the support of six other physicians, founded MSCK in 1822 to examine the credentials and licenses of its members. This simple idea became a North Star to the young organization, which quickly found its footing not only as a pillar of ethical leadership, but as a network of professionals determined to share techniques and uplift one another. Now, more than 200 years later, this group carries on its noble legacy as a proud champion for our city's many physicians. In particular, its advocacy efforts have helped increase civic engagement in the creation of our health care policy and amplified the sentiments of its many members. By building a better system for our physicians, MSCK is crafting a medical infrastructure that ensures efficient and effective treatment, which centers the health and happiness of our city's thriving constituency.

Whereas, Our health care providers are the beating heart of the five boroughs. Doctors and other medical professionals have long been the reliable friends who guide New Yorkers through some of their most difficult and trying times. When the COVID-19 pandemic spread across our city and nation, our health care professionals were the ones who stepped up to serve, and we owe them an unpayable debt of gratitude. On the occasion of MSCK's bicentennial, I am pleased to highlight all that this organization and its members have done to promote accountability, equity, and excellence in medicine.

*Now therefore, I, Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby
proclaim Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 in the City of New York as:*

The Medical Society County of Kings Bicentennial Day



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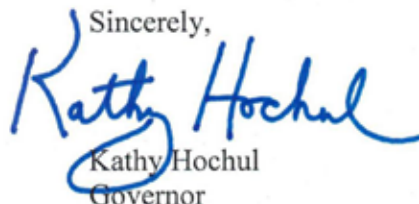
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Medical Society of the County of Kings Bicentennial Celebration.

The Medical Society of the County of Kings (MSCK), originally founded in 1822 by a small group of physicians dedicated to the regulation of medical practices, has served both the general public and its many members through their high standards of professionalism and ethics as well as their dedication to medical education. Throughout their long history, the MSCK has inspired multiple specialized care groups within the area, including the Brooklyn Gynecological Society and the Brooklyn Pathologic Society. By prioritizing the expertise and advancement of its members, MSCK ensures that members of the community receive high-quality care both now and in the future.

Today, you come together to commemorate your organization's 200th anniversary of excellence by not only officially installing your newest distinguished president, Dr. Jagdish K Gupta, but also by highlighting the achievements of both your current president, Dr. Lawrence A. Melniker, as well as numerous notable physicians. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I appreciate your assistance in creating a healthier state.

Best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hochul
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President's Message

Good evening!

As the 174th President of our distinguished Society during its Bicentennial Year, I extend a very warm welcome to everyone to our 202nd. Annual Stated Meeting. This evening, I am filled with gratitude for the honor and privilege bestowed upon me, by possibly the best stroke of luck and all of you, to have had this opportunity to serve as President during this most auspicious year.



First of all, I would like to Congratulate, Dr Madhu Gudavalli, a renowned neonatologist, who will ascend as the 175th President of MSCK after the symbolic, gavel exchange. It is particularly special, as she will be only the 7th woman president in the illustrious history of MSCK in over 200 years.

She is organized, astute, quick-witted, innovative and resourceful. Being a neonatologist, she has a lot of experience and mature outlook for Team Unity. Our best wishes are with her in the coming year and I truly believe that the future of MSCK is in good hands. She would bring new ideas to help our County Society achieve newer heights.

Tonight, we also highlight the achievements and outstanding contributions of an impressive and exceptional group of honorees representing 50 years of continuous, diligent and inspirational services to our Brooklyn community. They have made a significant impact on the lives of many patients serving as the beacons of hope and healing. Moreover, their dedication has inspired and guided countless students, residents and fellows who have had the privilege to learn from them over the years. Our heartfelt Congratulations to each one.

I am profoundly thankful to the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of County of Kings, the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn, the Executive Committee Members, and all other member colleagues. Special thanks to our Executive Director, Ms. Joselin Lajara, and our current and past leadership. I also want to acknowledge my advisors for their guidance throughout the year.

Thank you all, for the privilege of leading this esteemed society.

Jagdish K. Gupta, MD, FACP, FACC

President 2022-2023, Medical Society of the County of Kings

Bicentennial Year in Review: President's Perspective

I am deeply humbled, genuinely privileged, and extremely honored to have served as the 174th President of this esteemed Society during its Bicentennial Year. Even as the COVID-19 Pandemic continued its ravages, we persevered to plan our year-long celebrations for this milestone year. After extensive deliberation, we decided to hold an in-person Annual Stated Meeting at El-Caribe on May 25, 2022, albeit with some reservations.

Our Bicentennial Year-Stated Meeting celebrated 200 years of advocacy, dedication, and care for our patients and our profession. The event was marked by a ceremonial gavel exchange from outgoing President, Dr. Lawrence Melniker, to incoming President Dr. Jagdish K. Gupta, amidst much fanfare. The contributions and accomplishments of the Medical Society of County of Kings over two centuries were recognized with proclamations at the New York State Assembly and New York City Council, declaring May 25, 2022, as the "Bicentennial Celebration Day for MSCK". An exhibition, curated by our historian, Dr. Donald Moore, displayed historical artifacts from the past 200 years. The Brooklyn District Attorney and several Brooklyn Assemblypersons attended the event. The highlight was the keynote speech by Dr. Sanjiv Chopra, noted physician, author, and Former Dean for CME at Harvard Medical School. His speech on "Reflections on Lasting Happiness and Living with Purpose" received a standing ovation. We also honored twelve physicians who have provided outstanding service to the Brooklyn community for over 50 years.

A collaborative Legislative Session with other counties and MSSNY was held on September 15, 2022, at the iconic Brooklyn Borough Hall. The evening included a video message from Senate Majority Leader Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and a personal session with NYS Health Committee Chairman, Hon. Senator Gustavo Rivera, and Assemblymen Hon. Michael Tannousis, Hon. Steve Cymbrowitz, and Hon. Stefani Zinerman. A productive Town-Hall session provided an opportunity for elected representatives and practicing physicians to discuss many pressing issues. The medical fraternity emphasized opposition to the Wrongful Death Liability Expansion Bill, strongly urging Governor Hochul to veto the bill. I am pleased to report that due to our united efforts, spearheaded by our own Dr. Parag Mehta, the bill was vetoed by Governor Hochul. The Kings County Medical Society played a significant role in this success, of which I am extremely proud.

The Bicentennial Year celebrations continued with a Presidents' Dinner Gala Function on October 20, 2022, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, honoring our three immediate past presidents: Dr. Pardha Valluru, Dr. Prasad Gudavalli, and Dr. Lawrence A. Melniker. These leaders served during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing innovative solutions and a transformative vision. I am grateful for their collective efforts in guiding our professional organization during this unprecedented time. The function was attended by numerous dignitaries, including CEO of NYP-BMH Hospital, Dr. Robert Guimento, CEO of MLMIC, Mr. Michael J. Schoppmann, President of MSSNY, Dr. Parag Mehta, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of MSSNY, Dr. Art Fougner. The celebration of these esteemed honorees was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On March 30, 2023, we celebrated, the “Doctors’ Recognition Day” to coincide with National Doctors’ Day. We honored a group of physicians whose exceptional contributions to community service, patient advocacy, medical innovation, and clinical practice were truly inspirational. We expressed our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to every physician in our county for their immeasurable dedication and sacrifices in serving humanity.

Reflecting on past events, I fondly recall the 2022 MSSNY HOD, an impressive in-person event held at the Hilton Hotel in Terrytown, NY, where Dr. Parag Mehta was installed as President of MSSNY 2022-2023. I am grateful to have served as the Chairman of the event. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the 2023 MSSNY HOD, but a summary communicated to me by our newly elected Counselor, Dr. Niraj Acharya, conveyed that the meeting was successful. The dinner for MSCK and RCMS delegates was well attended. Most of the resolutions concerning patient safety, high-quality care for Brooklyn patients, and physician compensation were adopted. With unified support from MSCK and other counties, several notable candidates were elected, including Dr. Niraj Acharya as Counselor for MSCK and RCMS, and Dr. Robert Frankel, who was elevated to Chairman of BOT of MSSNY and also elected to serve as an alternate delegate to AMA along with Dr. Adolph Meyer. Our heartiest congratulations to all.

In conclusion, I am deeply thankful to each member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of County of Kings and the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn, as well as the Executive Committee Members and all other colleagues in Comitia. Their support and hard work made all the functions and celebrations enjoyable and successful. I extend my special gratitude to our current Chairman of the Board, Dr. Sherman Dunn, Past Chairperson of the Board, Dr. Lisa Eng, our President-Elect, Dr. Madhu Gudavalli, Vice President, Dr. Raj Bhayani, our Treasurer, Dr. Niraj Acharya, and especially our Executive Director, Ms. Joselin Lajara. Without their help, these celebrations would not have been possible.

I would also like to respectfully acknowledge my advisors throughout the year: Dr. Parag Mehta, Dr. Prasad Gudavalli, Dr. Robert Frankel, Dr. Lance Austein, Dr. Monica Sweeney, Dr. Donald Moore, Dr. Pardha Valluru, Dr. Abdul Rehman, and Dr. Lawrence Melniker for their invaluable advice throughout the year.

Thank you all for the privilege of leading this esteemed society.

Jagdish K Gupta, MD, FACP, FACG,

President, The Medical Society of County of Kings.



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President 2023-2024 Message

It is my distinct privilege and an honor to be elected to serve as the 175th President of The Medical Society of The County of Kings, for the year 2023-2024. I am humbled and proud to join the ranks of all those illustrious Presidents before me. Considering today's buzz words diversity, equity, inclusion, and gender equality, I am the seventh woman to be elected as The President in the recent history of MSCK. A good beginning to start the third century of MSCK with a woman President.



Thankfully, the covid-19 pandemic is in our rear-view mirror. We have many other hurdles to overcome both as a society and as individual physicians to protect our patients' rights and our professional interests. A few among them are dwindling membership of our society, independent privileges granted to physician extenders without accountability by the regulatory bodies comparable with physicians, pharmacists taking over primary care practice from physicians, ever growing demands by the insurance carriers, EHRs and physician burnout. The reincarnation of the bill for the Grieving Families Act vetoed recently by the Governor, thanks to all your efforts and the leadership of Dr. Parag Mehta, is another hurdle we must cross again. Let's hope

the same enthusiasm from us, MSSNY and all other counties will prevail to deal with it again. During my tenure I consider it a top priority to increase our membership. In the recent past, major hospitals in Brooklyn were acquired by larger organizations from Manhattan. Based on their staff model, most of the physicians in Brooklyn are now employed. Constrained by their employers and their heavy workload, they have little interest or time to participate in the activities of organized medicine. Young graduates are leaving New York to go to states with less onerous regulatory burdens, affordable malpractice premiums and lower cost of living. Tired of dealing with behemoth insurance companies with their needless requests for records, ever-growing restrictions and reductions on reimbursements established physicians are quitting by surrendering their practices to hospitals, further dwindling the membership in the society.

I strongly believe in institutional membership to increase our numbers. We should set up a uniform and more affordable membership across the board and recruit all the employed physicians, and all the independent physicians in King's County regardless of their hospital affiliation or lack of it. We need to convince hospital managements that a strong medical society is good for them too. Dues collection by accepting credit cards, and monthly installment payments is less burdensome to physicians and is more efficient.

We should stay focused on retaining the existing members by keeping them involved and engaged with a sense of belonging. Let us not forget the importance of young physicians to sustain and carry this organization forward. Like in any organization, young people are the future. We should include Residents and medical students in every one of our meetings at no cost to them. Dr. Niraj Acharya is doing an excellent job managing our finances so we can afford to have all our comitia meetings this year in person with a nice dinner and active participation in large numbers, with young physicians, medical students, and residents.

I implore all the members of MSCK to donate generously to MSSNY PAC. That is money well spent. Working hard from behind-the-scenes, MSSNY is responsible for positively influencing many regulatory policies, and blocking those that would be detrimental, to the professional interests of all physicians. Larger membership and big PAC money are the keys to successfully negotiating with politicians in Albany and to protecting our patients' rights and our professional interests. Let us make sure that we support, educate, and engage our elected officials with our ongoing dialogue to make the practice of our profession more tolerable to us and affordable and safe to the patients in NY State.

Let's have a great year and accomplish great things.

Madhu Gudavalli, MD FAAP
President MSCK
Trustee of The Academy of Medicine



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Chair, Board of Trustees Message

To my esteemed colleagues,



The Executive Committee of the Medical Society of the County of Kings and the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn is pleased to announce Madhu Gudavalli MD, FAAP as the 175th President of the Medical Society of the County of Kings.

Dr. Madhu Gudavalli was born in India, graduated from Guntur Medical College in Andhra Pradesh, India. She completed a residency in Pediatrics at New York Infirmary and Booth Memorial Hospital which is now part of the New York Presbyterian Hospital System. She did a fellowship in Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine at New York University Hospital and NYCHHC/Bellvue Hospital.

Dr. Gudavalli is Board certified in both Pediatrics and Neonatology. She worked as attending Neonatologist at NYCHHC/Bellvue Hospital, Tisch Hospital and NYU Downtown Hospital from 1979 to 1990. She served as Director of Neonatology at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital from 1990 until her voluntary retirement as director in September 2020. She still maintains her clinical privileges as an attending Neonatologist.

Dr. Gudavalli is an active member on the New York Perinatal Society and served as its President twice. She is past president of the Brooklyn Pediatric Society and the Alumni Association of the New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Her academic appointments include Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics at NYU Medical Center and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at St. Georges University School of Medicine.

Dr. Madhu Gudavalli married Dr. Prasad Gudavalli while she was a medical student and immigrated to the United States in 1972. In May 2011 both were honored with the Lewis S. Pilcher award in recognition of their charitable endeavors, leadership and long service to New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Presurgical and Recovery Unit at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital are named after Drs. Madhu and Prasad Gudavalli.

Sherman Dunn DO, FACOOG (Dist.), FACOG

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Treasurer's Message

I welcome all of you to the 202nd Annual Stated Meeting of Medical Society of the County of the Kings and The Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn.



The Medical Society of County of Kings (MSCK) is one of the oldest scientific organizations that was started on March 2nd, 1822, and has been serving the community and the medical profession for more than two hundred years. During the Annual Stated meeting, the achievements, and accomplishments of our current, 174th President, Dr. Jagdish K. Gupta will be highlighted and recognized and our incoming, 175th President, Dr. Madhu Gudavalli will be installed, warmly welcomed, and felicitated with gavel transfer Ceremony. Also, all the Physician Members, who graduated from

Medical School 50 years ago, will be recognized for their long-standing services to the Brooklyn Community and lauded with proclamations. I thank you for gracing this historic event with your presence and support.

The mission of the MSCK is to foster progress in the science and art of medicine and to promote, preserve and enforce the highest of standards of ethical and proficient medical care. To be alert to the health needs of the community and to promote and protect the interests of the patients and of the medical profession. To be alert to changes in health care delivery systems and to protect the quality of medical care as well as the interest of the medical profession. To promote excellence in medical education in collaboration with the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn.

The Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn is a not-for-profit organization with more than one thousand physician members. The Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn supports the Medical Society of County of Kings to enhance continuing medical education for doctors, nurses & other related medical personnel.

I congratulate Dr. Madhu Gudavalli for her leadership & the 50-year Graduate Honorees for their dedication to our noble profession.

Niraj Acharya, MD FACP

Treasurer



Madhu, Congratulations on This Momentous Occasion!

Madhu Gudavalli, MD FAAP

175Th President

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Roopa Challapalli, MD & Vishnu Challapalli, MD



Madhu, Congratulations on This Great Occasion!

Madhu Gudavalli, MD FAAP

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Himabindu Kadiyala, MD FACP



Madhu, Congratulations on This Joyful Occasion!

Madhu Gudavalli, MD FAAP

175Th President

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Vijay Dandapani





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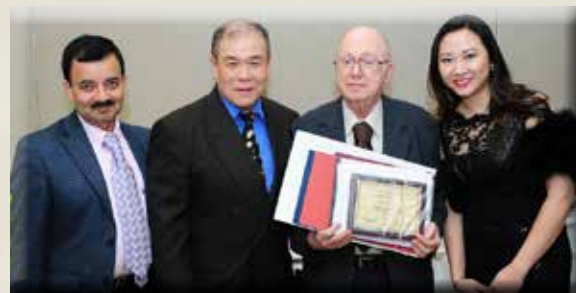


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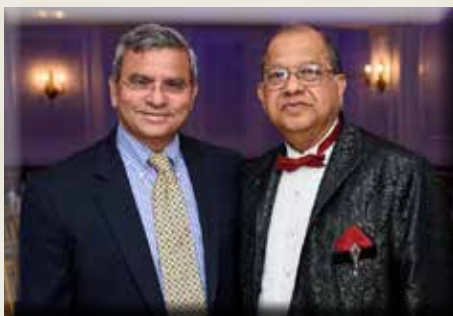


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