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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE FAREWELL ADDRESS FROM DR. MARSHAL PERIS

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. My goals coming into this past year were: To continue to help push our legislative agenda, defend physicians against the government and large corporate healthcare organizations, help our physicians think about their own health, and help our communities get healthier and safer. I believe that we as physicians need to look out for ourselves now more than ever. Take time off, turn off our phones, and say no once in a while. Fight for what we know is right. Stand up and stand together.

A very special thanks to Janine, Kalli and Rhonda. Without them, the WCMS and WAM would not be nearly as successful. They are truly tremendous leaders and organizers and I am forever grateful for making my presidency successful.

I look forward to continuing my involvement and my fight for all of the physicians and the future of healthcare in Westchester County, New York State and the USA.



*MARSHAL PERIS, MD
President, WCMS*

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FROM THE EDITOR...

PETER J. ACKER, MD
LEONARDO DA VINCI



I just finished reading Walter Issacson's biography of Leonardo Da Vinci. Issacson has previously written acclaimed biographies of Steven Jobs, Albert Einstein and Benjamin Franklin. As he states in the introduction, all of these men have not only in common their genius, but more importantly an indefatigable broadly ranging curiosity into all sorts of disparate disciplines. Ben Franklin was not only a statesman and diplomate, but an outstanding writer, inventor and scientist. Steve Jobs was fascinated by technology, but even more so with design and functionality. He famously would not allow the release of an early Apple product because he did not like the esthetics of the inner workings of the device, which nobody would ever see. This intense, idiosyncratic curiosity writ large led all of these men to astonishing discoveries and caused them to wander freely over disciplines seemingly quite distant from their original fields.

Da Vinci, of course, is most famous for his iconic paintings, in particular the Mona Lisa. But in a life of intense cross disciplinary explorations, each would inform another. For example, he was fascinated with the natural world. He was drawn to vortexes in water or in air. He became an expert in hydrology and often painted hair spiraling down reminiscent of a water fall. He spent hundreds of hours doing precise dissections of humans. He wanted to know every detail of what was going on deep below the surface, even though his paintings would not have any indication of nerve or ligament – like Steve Jobs he knew it was there. He spent hours painstakingly dissecting the muscles of the lip and this informed his famous depiction of the Mona Lisa smile with its air of mystery and ambiguity.

His notebooks, of which some 7000 pages survive, are crammed with drawings, notes, and lists. The majority of his discoveries were recorded there, but never actually published. He was the true scholar pursuing knowledge with no thought of fame or recognition. For example, he recorded that, according to his observations, objects in motion tend to remain in motion that when one body in motion exerts a force on another, it exerts an equal countervailing force. He foreshadowed Newton's Laws a good two centuries before Sir Isaac's revolutionary discoveries.

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*FROM THE EDITOR...***PETER J. ACKER, MD****LEONARDO DA VINCI***(Continued from page 2)*

His notebooks are famously convoluted with scribbles and additions in the margins and with seeming non sequiturs abounding. Part of this was apparently his desire to save paper which was an expensive item back then. Perhaps a bigger reason for this was his intense distractibility. Issacson believes that if he were alive today, he would fit all the criteria of ADHD. Of course, this was his strength and his weakness. On the one hand it caused him to pursue unusual paths towards astonishing discoveries. On the other, as mentioned, he never got around to publishing much of his work and famously did not complete most of the paintings or works. The Mona Lisa, for example, he carried around with him from location to location for the last 15 years of his life,

continuing to make minor revisions and adjustments until he died.

He was astonishingly observant of nature in all its forms. For example, he determined that dragonflies when aloft raise their forewings while their hindwings go down. Also, that some birds accelerate their wings on the upswing, while others do the opposite. One can only marvel at the obsessive patience required to make such precise observations! I highly recommend this book.



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2018 Annual Meeting

Westchester County Medical Society Westchester Academy of Medicine



Passing the gavel: Outgoing President Dr. Marshal Peris passes the gavel to President-elect Dr. Omar Syed. Dr. Syed took office July 1, 2018

On Thursday, June 14th, the Westchester County Medical Society and the Westchester Academy of Medicine held their Annual Meeting at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. About 140 members and guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship with colleagues and family, great food, networking, and the opportunity to interact with WCMS preferred business partners and sponsors. Outgoing WCMS President Marshal Peris, MD, was thanked for his outstanding leadership and gave remarks on the importance of the medical society. He also thanked his colleagues for all of their support throughout the year. Newly installed Omar Syed, MD, a neurosurgeon practicing in Mount Kisco, gave his inaugural remarks and spoke about his plans for the medical society during his upcoming presidency. He spoke about the importance of the message the medical society can deliver to physicians and about increasing membership. Dr. Syed gave a few examples of his intended plans for the year, which will include engaging more and more with employed physicians as well as staying engaged with small and solo practices, and motivating our young physician members to become more involved in the Society. The evening was a great success.



Dr. Omar Syed delivering his inaugural remarks to the membership.



Friend of the Society Awardee
Edward C. Halperin, MD, MA
Chancellor & CEO
New York Medical College



Biography:

Edward C. Halperin received a BS in Economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a MD from Yale University, and a MA from Duke University. He was an internal medicine intern at Stanford University Medical Center and a radiation oncology resident at Harvard University/Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Halperin has served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Duke University, Vice Dean of Duke Medical School, Dean of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and is currently

Chancellor and CEO of New York Medical College and Professor of Radiation Oncology, Pediatrics, and History. He is the author/editor of six editions of the textbooks Pediatric Radiation Oncology and the fourth through seventh editions of Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology and >210 articles in the peer reviewed oncology and medical history literature. His research has focused on radiation-induced immunosuppression for organ transplantation, the management of childhood brain tumors, and the history of racial, religious, and gender discrimination in medical education.

At New York Medical College since 2012, Dr. Halperin has presided over the creation of the first new dental school in New York in fifty years; the creation of new masters programs in biostatistics, medical ethics, and professional studies for the biotechnology industry; the opening of the new biotechnology incubator; the signing of a new long-term academic affiliation agreement with Westchester Medical Center; renewal of the academic affiliation agreement with Metropolitan Hospital Medical Center; enlargement of the physical therapy and speech pathology programs; record high MCAT and GPA metrics for the entering medical students; and the highest percentage of under-represented in medicine minority students of any historically majority medical school in the US.

Dr. and Mrs. Halperin are the parents of three daughters and the grandparents of three grandchildren.



2018 Annual Meeting



WCMS Past Presidents, Current President and MSSNY President-elect in Attendance: (top row left to right) Peter Liebert, MD; Omar Syed, MD; Arthur Fougner, MSSNY President-elect; Robert Lerner, MD; Andrew Kleinman, MD; Louis McIntyre, MD; Mark Fox, MD; (bottom row left to right) Abe Levy, MD; Bonnie Litvack, MD; Al Tinger, MD; Marshal Peris, MD; William Walsh, MD; Steve Schwartz, MD & Joseph Tartaglia, MD



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Edward Halperin, MD, Chancellor & CEO NYMC and “Friend of the Society” awardee with Dr. Robert Lerner.



50 Year Citation Awardees: Dale Abadir, MD & John Ilario, MD



Past Presidents: Andrew Kleinman, MD, MSSNY Past President; Thomas Lee, MD, 9th District Councilor & Bonnie Litvack, MD, MSSNY Vice President

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THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE USE OF BOTH HANDS

Rick Weinstein, MD, MBA

Director of Westchester Sport & Spine @ White Plains Hospital Center

One of my first jobs was working as a busboy at the Plainview Diner. I was 16 years old and the only non-minority busboy working there. I really wanted to be a waiter because I knew the tips would be a lot of money, but due to my age and lack of experience I settled in as the lowest man on the totem pole. It was hard and dirty work cleaning up the tables with a rag, loading the dishes into the bin and then carrying that heavy tray to the kitchen. The people who worked there were interesting and mostly nice. Also, I was able to practice my high school Spanish. Most of the customers were nice as well, but many were tough to deal with. But to this day, some of the lessons I learned at the diner have helped me become a better doctor, surgeon, and business man.

On my first day, the owner of the diner, John, saw me wiping off the table with a rag. He came over to me, grabbed the rag out of my hand, and asked, "How many hands do you have?"

Shocked and a little taken back by his abruptness, I timidly responded, "two."

"Well," he said, "if you have 2 hands why are you only using one? What is your other hand doing?" He grabbed another rag and cleaned the table using both hands and both rags. It took about half the time. He was absolutely right.

There are several lessons here. Be efficient in whatever you are doing. If there is a way to do a job quicker while still maintaining the quality, do it. Don't waste the resources you have at your disposal which, for me, was my other hand. In the office, are you using your staff as effectively as possible? How about your EHR? Do you put items you consistently use in places that are easy to find and readily accessible?

Second lesson. Here is the owner of a busy establishment that had about 30 employees and a ton of customers to deal with, yet he took the time to worry about how one of his employees was cleaning a table. He was a tough boss, but a big part of his success was seeing that everyone was doing their jobs as well as possible.

Work hard and be friendly to other employees. There will be times where you will need them to have your back, and you should always have theirs. Another night at the diner there was a very obnoxious woman who was being abusive to me. I brought out the pickles after she sat with her family. She immediately told me they weren't fresh, and that I should go get fresh pickles for her. I did bring her different pickles which were all from the same barrel in the back, but I made sure better-looking ones were on top. When I brought the rolls out she sent these back telling me they were not warm enough. This went on throughout her entire dinner. She was disrespectful, mean, and I was fed up with her. After her meal, she called me over. I thought she wanted to give me a tip since I was so accommodating to her inane demands. Instead, she said, "Hey boy. Can you give me a Wet One?"

I was amused and asked her what she wanted again.

She replied, "Give me a Wet One."

I answered, "Lady, I hardly know you!"

I thought I was hysterical, but she did not. She called over the manager and told him how insulted she was by my rude comment. He brought me over to the table. I admitted what I had said. He made me apologize and fired me in front of her. I was humiliated.

I was friendly with the manager and the waitress. Later, she spoke to the manager and told him how mean the lady was to me. He called me the next day and rehired me. I was glad to get my job back, but the lesson was learned.

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It is not infrequent I deal with obnoxious patients in my practice today. As a doctor I do not have to kowtow to their every wish and demand. I am respectful, but if a patient is disrespectful, I will put them in their place. A busboy is not able to put a customer in his/her place and like me, may be fired. Your employees may be getting abused by patients and you need to protect them. Stand up for them when it is the right thing to do.

You have the right to “fire” a patient if they are abusive. I rarely do this, but in certain situations, you will need to. If a patient complains about one of your employees, honestly evaluate the situation

and don't just react by yelling or firing your employee. If your employee was wrong, you do need to take appropriate action. Working in a doctor's office is difficult and you should appreciate what your people experience every day. Dealing with difficult patients, HIPAA, and now Press Ganey are just a few of the daily challenges. We expect a lot from ourselves and our employees. Treat people well and politely no matter what their job is. Also, when you go out to eat, please treat your busboys with respect.



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EMPLOYMENT RELATED LIABILITY IN THE “#METOO” ERA

By Kathleen Sellers, JD, CLU

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The last year has seen near-constant revelations of sexual misconduct by high-profile individuals, such as Harvey Weinstein, Matt Lauer, and Charlie Rose, in the workplace, giving rise to the “#MeToo” movement. This movement has emphasized that all employers and supervisory employees have to work to prevent and address sexual harassment, which has existed for too long in many workplace cultures. While being mindful of these responsibilities, business owners and managers also need to consider the potential financial ramifications for our own businesses and workplaces. Employment lawyers are anticipating that the heightened social awareness around these issues is likely to drive up the frequency and costs of employment related litigation for all employers.

Healthcare businesses need to be aware of the potential for employment-related claims. According to the US Liability Insurance Group, a medical practice is more likely to have an employment claim brought against it than a general liability claim, and over 40% of all employment claims are brought against businesses with less than 100 employees. Employment practices claims can include allegations of wrongful termination, breach of an employment contract, failure to promote, violation of anti-discrimination and harassment laws (such as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, state, or local laws), wrongful demotion, and retaliation for making a claim of an illegal employment practice. And while sexual harassment scenarios are claiming headlines now, employees may bring claims of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, national origin, religion, pregnancy, age, disability, and sexual orientation, as well. The typical power structure in many medical practices – with mostly male physician owners and mostly female staff – results in a heightened risk of actual or alleged wrongful conduct in medical practices.

Medical practices, like other businesses, need to take action to establish a fair and safe workplace culture, by making sure that anti-harassment and discrimination policies and practices are in place, and that all managers and staff are trained to prevent and address improper workplace conduct.

Legislation passed in April requires all New York employers to establish a written sexual harassment policy and provide anti-sexual harassment training for employees, effective October 9, 2018.

But even the best policies and procedures can't prevent all employment practices claims, which is where Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) comes into play. This insurance covers the cost of a judgment or settlement in an employment related claim, as well as paying defense costs, which in many employment-related claims, exceed the eventual judgment or settlement (if there is one). Coverage for these types of claims is excluded from Workers Compensation and standard Business Owners Policies (although some Business Owners Policies may include or add on some Employment Practices Liability coverage). Employment Practices Liability coverage can be purchased on a stand-alone basis, or as part of a management liability package that can include Directors & Officers Liability coverage (for claims brought in connection with other wrongful acts or omissions by management) and/or Fiduciary Liability coverage (for claims against fiduciaries of employee benefit plans).

EPLI policies can also include coverage for claims of harassment or discrimination brought by third parties, such as patients or customers and vendors (for example, a pharmaceutical representative who visits a medical practice). This coverage is more important than ever for businesses in New York. The 2018 budget legislation expanded the potential liability of employers to include liability to (non-employee) third parties, if the employer knew or shown have known that the third party was being harassed and did not take corrective action.

US Liability Insurance Group offers a policy that we have put in place for many of our customers that is specifically designed for medical practices, and it includes coverage for defense costs for claims of patient molestation (availability of this coverage varies by medical specialty). As a valuable add-on, most EPLI policies also provide access to services to help a business prevent or mitigate loss from an employment practices claim. These include sample employment policies, on-line anti-sexual harassment prevention training, a set amount of free consultation with a lawyer or

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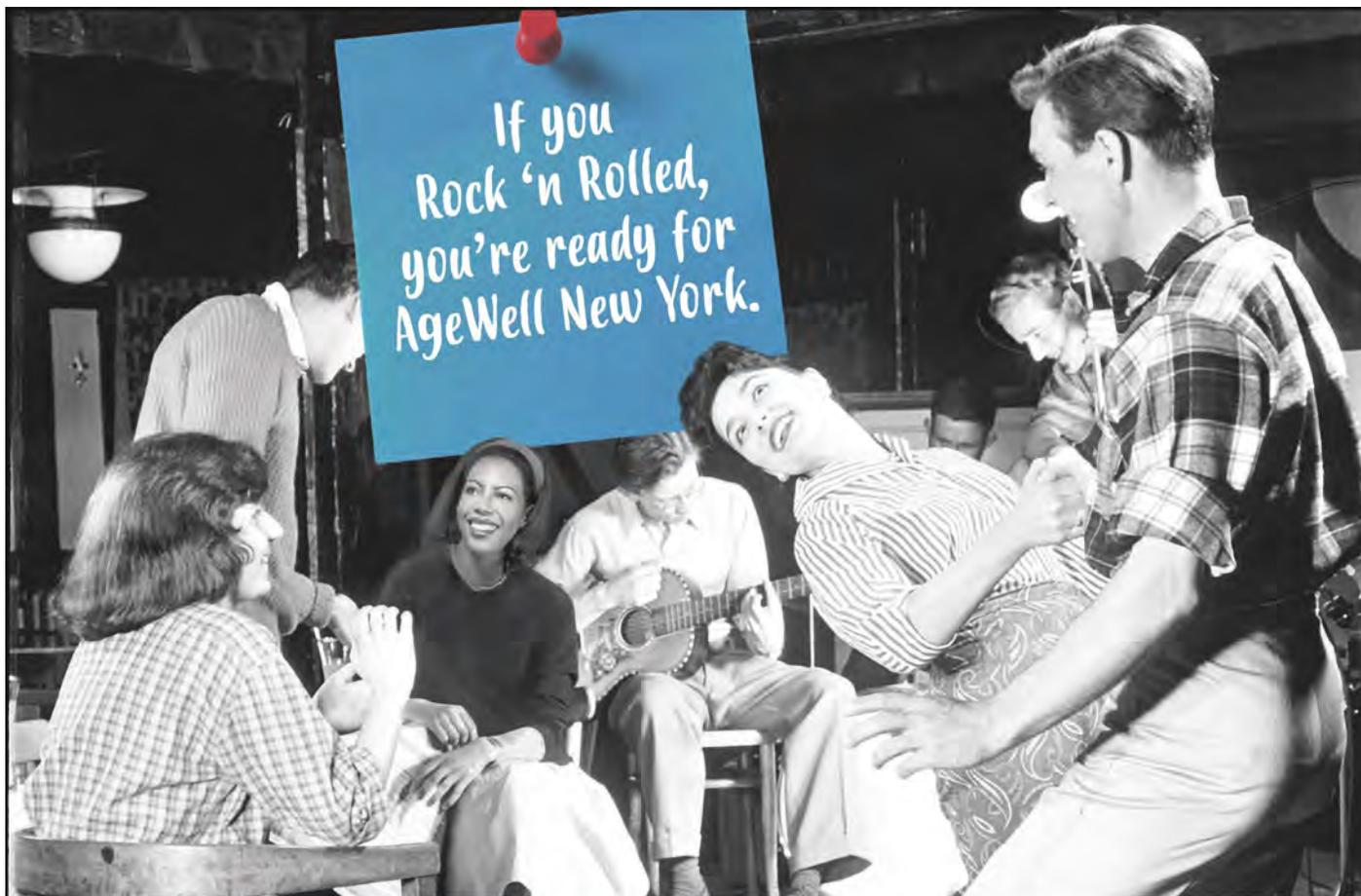
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human resources professional, and other smart hiring resources, such as discounts on background checks for job applicants.

When purchasing an EPLI policy, a business should consider what limits to purchase (many of our customers purchase a \$1,000,000 limit), as well as the deductible and premium offered by the insurance company. In some policies, the costs of defending the claim are subtracted from the overall limit available for a judgment or settlement (this is referred to as defense “within” or “inside” the limit), while with others, defense costs are covered in addition to the limit (referred to as “outside” the limit). EPLI policies are written on a claims-made basis, which means that they cover claims made during the policy period, subject to the retroactive date. Claims based on acts that took place before the retroactive date

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EPLI coverage is now more important than ever for the financial protection of medical practices, with the increased attention being brought to harassment in the workplace. Even if these issues aren’t a problem in your practice, a disgruntled employee can sue your practice, alleging discrimination or harassment. An EPLI policy can help your practice survive the financial impact of such a claim.



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In Memory of
Howard Yudin, MD
WCMS Past Treasurer
1946—2018

HOWARD YUDIN, Treasurer of the Westchester County Medical Society, died on June 23, 2018 at age 72. Born in Montreal, Canada, on May 5, 1946, he received a B. Sc. and then a M. Sc. in physiology from McGill University. His M.D. degree was from the Universite' of Montpellier in France and the University of Montreal in Canada. A straight residency in Family Practice was at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal` where he joined the active staff.

After moving to the U.S. he practiced in Houston and then Rye, White Plains, and New Rochelle. At United Hospital he became Acting Chairman of the Department of Family Practice. From 1997 he was Medical Director of the Port Chester Board of Education. He was Founder and Director of Rye Brook Labs. Dr. Yudin joined the Westchester County Medical Society in 1985, becoming Treasurer 4 years ago.

You will be truly missed by all of your colleagues at the Westchester County Medical Society.



Gino Bottino, MD, Past President; Howard Yudin, MD, Treasurer; Louis McIntyre, MD, Past President & Thomas Lester, MD, Past President at the WCMS WAM Annual Meeting June 2014.



Westchester & Putnam County Medical Societies Legislative Breakfast

Save the Date!
Sunday, September 30, 2018
Details to follow!

Come, listen to and chat with your elected representatives and their challengers as they share their views on issues important to physicians and the practice of medicine prior to the very important fall elections.

RSVP TODAY to save your place: Janine Miller, 914-967-9100, by email to jmiller@wcms.org or fill out the form below and fax to 914-967-9232

There is no charge for members and their spouse to attend this event
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Westchester Academy of Medicine 2018 Golf Outing & Fundraiser

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Westchester Country Club
99 Biltmore Avenue
Rye, NY 10580



Registration, Driving Range & Halfway House Lunch—11:00 AM
Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM
Golf Format: Scramble
6:00 PM—Cocktails
6:45 PM—Buffet Dinner/Awards/Raffles

If you are unable to attend, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Contact Kalli Voulgaris kvoulgaris@wcms.org or 914-967-9100 for more details.

Individual—\$400 ♦ Individual plus Hole Sponsorship—\$575
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Cocktails/Dinner Only—\$150 per person/\$250 per couple

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Golf Reservations are Limited—Please RSVP Today!



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- Termination Provisions
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6:30 P.M.

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Space is Limited.



On Thursday, May 31, 2018 the Westchester County Medical Society held a telemedicine workshop “*Telemedicine: Changing the Paradigm of Access to Care*” at the Hilton Westchester Sponsored by MDamerica. There were 40 people in attendance including physician members, physician extenders and office staff. Dr. Rifat Latifi, MD, FACS, FICS, Professor of Surgery, NYMC; Director, Department of Surgery, Westchester Medical Center spoke about the development of telemedicine to treat patients in remote areas of the world who may not have access to medical treatment where they live.

Rifat Latifi, MD, FACS is Director of the Department of Surgery at Westchester Medical Center Health Network and Professor of Surgery at New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York and University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Latifi received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Medical Faculty, University of Prishtina, Kosova. He completed internships at the University of Prishtina and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio, residency in General Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Lincoln Hospital. Dr. Latifi is a trauma, general and critical care surgeon, and is the author or co-author of more than 250 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He has also authored/co-authored 15 books and serves on the editorial boards of a number of peer-review journals.

He is the founder and president of a not-for-profit

organization, the International Virtual e- Hospital (www.iveh.org), whose mission is to assist rebuilding the public healthcare system in developing countries using telemedicine. Since 2002, he has initiated and overseen three national telemedicine programs in Europe (Kosova and Albania) and Cabo Verde (Africa), for which was awarded the 2015 American College of Surgeons (ACS)/Pfizer International Surgical Volunteerism award. Dr. Latifi has also received “The 21st Century Achievement Award for Health” from the Computerworld Honors Program and the “International Award for Health Promotion” from the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC). Currently, Dr. Latifi is helping to establish telemedicine program in provincial hospitals in Hanoi, Vietnam and working with NATO’s Science for Peace and Security to create multinational telemedicine system for disaster management. He is a volunteer surgeon of Operation Giving of ACS.

Barry Cepelewicz, MD, Esq and Andrew Blustein, Esq. Attorneys at Garfunkel Wild, PC also spoke to the audience about implementing telemedicine within a practice. They also addressed some of the main legal concerns with the current telemedicine implementation and platforms. Jason Polete, CEO of MDamerica, the sponsor of the event, was also in attendance to answer questions regarding functionality of the MDamerica telemedicine platform and how it can be integrated into your practice.

The audience was extremely engaged with all of the presenters, and the lecture was a great success. We would like to thank Dr. Peter Liebert organizing the talk and for moderating the speakers for the evening.



Dr. Rifat Latifi
and Dr. Peter
Liebert