

Overview, LIJ Staff Society

The Long Island Jewish Medical Center (LIJMC) is an 829-bed hospital complex that consists of LIJ, Schneider Children's Hospital and Hillside Hospital for psychiatric services, and the Manhasset Ambulatory Care Center and Women's Health Care Center. Specialty unites include a Hearing & Speech Center, a Learning Diagnostic Clinic, a Satellite Dialysis Unit, an Ambulatory Care Pavilion and a wide variety of community based outreach programs. On the grounds of the campus is the autonomous 500-bed Parker Jewish Geriatric Institute which has strong interdisciplinary ties to LIJ.

The Medical Center serves an area comprising approximately 4-million residents of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. In addition, patients come from the greater New York City metropolitan area.

LIJ has a widespread reputation as an outstanding teaching hospital in this region and plays a significant role as principal affiliate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. It offers a comprehensive range of quality patient care services and accredited educational programs for the medical/dental profession. Medical and basic science research is conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, the standards of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

The Staff Society was and is organized to represent the interests of the hospital's medical professionals. The founders of LIJ are hospital supportive of these goals and, therefore, all community based and hospital based physicians are required by the Medical Center By-Laws to be members of the Staff Society.

STAFF SOCIETY - LIJMC

The purpose of the Staff Society is to foster and promote the welfare of all its members. In addition, the Staff Society advocates, provides and supports medical education in order to maintain the highest scientific and educational standards among its medical/dental staff and house staff affiliates.

The following description of benefits, privileges and responsibilities of membership is designed to acquaint you with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Staff Society.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership consists of all members of the medical and dental staff of LIJ, Schneider and Hillside Hospitals. (Full-time departmental PHDs and emeritus/retired by request) are considered a part of the Staff Society.

GOALS

1. To support medical education in order to maintain the highest scientific and educational standards.
2. To maintain the highest professional standards among its members.
3. To provide representation to the Medical Board, Medical Executive and Joint Conference Committees.
4. To act as a spokesperson for the interests of the active medical/dental staff.
5. To act as liaison and foster communication between members and the hospital administration.
6. To promote social and professional fellowship among the Staff Society.

7. To provide information and guidance regarding the present economic and political changes in regard to the health professions.

FUNCTIONS

Regular mandatory meetings of the Staff Society take place at least twice a year in January and June. (A written explanation for absence is required.)

The practical business of the Staff Society is conducted by the Executive Committee which consists of:

1. Four elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
2. All Past Presidents
3. All Chairmen of Standing Committees
4. Seven elected members at-large

The Committee meets on the second Sunday of each month. The meetings are open to all members and participation is highly encouraged. New business and opinions are welcomed.

If you wish to bring up any matter or have any questions, please call the Staff Society Administrator at (718) 470-8708.

The Staff Society supports educational programs such as research grants, honorariums and lectureships. In order for the Staff Society to contribute and provide for these programs, they must benefit the members of the Staff Society. Any request for funding meetings and/or conferences should be made two months prior to the meeting in order for the Executive Committee to review the request.

On occasion the Staff Society invites guest speakers to keep the membership abreast of current issues. Some of the past speakers have been:

- Mr. Gregg Serio, First Deputy Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New York
- Mr. Jack Seddon, President of the Federation of Physician & Dentists of AFL-CIO
- Dr. Michael Connair, Founder of the New Haven Area of Federation of Physicians and Dentists

The Staff Society has also extended invitations to various political speakers. In addition, the Staff Society has invited many of the clinical Department Chairmen to address the Executive Committee meetings in order to keep the Staff up to date on current issues of importance within their respective departments.

In order for the Staff Society to allow for the promotion of medical education and the funding of educational research grants dues must be paid on a yearly basis. The annual dues are \$125.00 payable in July of each year.

The Staff Society Suite/Lounge is located on the first floor, off the main lobby. It has been designed to afford our members an opportunity to rest, make telephone calls and attend to membership responsibilities. Computer access is also available to help meet your needs for the daily care of your patients. It should be used with consideration for fellow members who are seeking a few moments of relaxation from their daily rounds. A key for its use may be obtained from the Security Office.

Within the suite is the Staff Society Administrator who is available for any problems you may have related to Staff Society functions. The Administrator can be reached at (718) 470-8708. Fax access is available on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week at (718) 470-0684.

Your Staff Society is working on your behalf. If it is truly to be representative of the desires and aspirations of the membership, it needs your help and support. Every member can make a significant contribution, in particular, by attending meetings and voicing his thoughts.

By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Staff Society and minutes are available on-line and in the Administrator's Office.