

2020 PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION – ACTIONS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

150 Helmet Use in Women’s Lacrosse

Introduced by Schenectady County Medical Society

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY reaffirm Policy 290.986 regarding the use of protective headgear in women’s lacrosse.

151 Opposition to Sports and Games which Cause Harm

Introduced by the Nassau County Medical Society and the Suffolk County Medical Society

REAFFIRMED MSSNY POLICY 390.992

152 Support for Development of Safe Injection Facilities (SIF)

Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens, Medical Society of the County of Kings, Richmond County Medical Society, Bronx County Medical Society, NY American College of Emergency Physicians, MSSNY Young Physicians’ Section

REAFFIRMED MSSNY POLICY 65.908

153 Lead Exposure and Citizen Health

Introduced by William Brender, MD, Delegate, Warren County, NY Chapter American College of Surgeons, Saratoga County Medical Society, Warren County Medical Society and Washington County Medical Society

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

TITLE CHANGE:

AIR QUALITY AND THE PROTECTION OF CITIZEN HEALTH

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge that the American Medical Association review the Environmental Protection Agency’s guidelines for monitoring air quality emitting from smokestacks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Medical Association develop a report of this review, taking into consideration the risks to citizens living downwind of smokestacks and that it make recommendations that would protect the public’s health.

154 Prohibit Ghost Guns

Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of The State of New York (MSSNY) support state and federal legislation and regulation that would subject homemade weapons to the same regulations and licensing requirements as traditional ones;

RESOLVED, That MSSNY introduce a resolution at the AMA HOD to support state and federal legislation and regulation that would subject homemade weapons to the same regulations and licensing requirements as traditional ones.

155 Tax Credits to Promote Safe Firearms Storage

Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support efforts to promote safe firearms storage.

156 Marijuana Research

Introduced by MSSNY Committee on Bioethics

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York urge New York State to support basic and clinical research into medical marijuana so that medical evidence supports all qualifying conditions and that the state create a funding mechanism for advancing said research;

RESOLVED, That New York State create a database to monitor the safety and adverse effects of medical marijuana products on both intended and unintended users;

RESOLVED, That New York State should provide public education regarding the medical evidence for medical marijuana;

RESOLVED, That New York State should provide guidance to physicians regarding counseling patients who present for medical care requesting medical marijuana products.

157 Run Medical Marijuana Programs as Clinical Trial

Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens

NOT ADOPTED

158 Policy Related to the Sex Trade in New York

Introduced by the New York State of Academy of Family Physicians And the MSSNY Young Physicians' Section

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York oppose human trafficking of all individuals; and be it

RESOLVED, That MSSNY support legislation that provides resources, counseling, and support for individuals choosing to leave the sex trade.

159 Discrimination Against Physicians Using Medication Assisted Treatment

Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society and Frank Dowling, MD, Secretary

REFERRED TO MSSNY COUNCIL

160 Opioid Dependence

Introduced by Nassau County Medical Society

REAFFIRM MSSNY POLICY 65.983

161 Cross-Recognition of Mental and Behavioral Health CME Accreditation

Introduced by Schoharie County Medical Society

NOT ADOPTED

162 Regular Mental Health Check-up and/or Access to Hotline for Medical Residents

Introduced by Sangita Parab, MD, Delegate, Richmond County

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY ask residency program directors to arrange for regular mental health assessment along with physical check-ups of the residents, during their residency years;

RESOLVED, That the residents have access to either a hotline or a contact person from mental health department in a confidential manner, within their health facility if possible. There are hotlines available to medical students, which may be used for residents as well.

163 The Quadruple Aim-Promoting Improvement In the Physician Experience of Providing Care

Introduced by MSSNY Committee on Quality Improvement and Patients Safety, the MSSNY Committee on Physician Wellness and Resiliency and the Suffolk County Medical Society

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY adopt a fourth goal to the Triple Aim that was established by Dr. Berwick and the Institute of Healthcare Improvement, namely the goal of improving physicians' experience in providing care;

RESOLVED, That a similar resolution be brought to the AMA.

164 Physician Well-being as an Indicator of Health System Quality

Introduced by MSSNY Committee on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and the MSSNY Committee on Physician Wellness and Resiliency

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY support policies that acknowledge physician well-being is both a driver and an indicator of hospital and health system quality;

RESOLVED, That MSSNY promote dialogue between key stakeholders (physician groups, health-system decision makers, payers, and the general public) about the components needed in such a quality-indicator system to best measure physician and organizational wellness;

RESOLVED, That MSSNY (with appropriate resources) develop the expertise to be available to assist in the implementations of effective interventions in situations of suboptimal physician wellness;

RESOLVED, That MSSNY bring a similar resolution to the AMA Annual meeting and House of Delegates.

165 Support for Impairment Research

Introduced by Lawrence Melniker, MD, MS, MBA, Individual Delegate, Kings County

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York request that the American Medical Association study the impairment of drivers and other operators of mechanized vehicles by substances, fatigue, medical or mental health conditions;

RESOLVED, That this report include whether there are office or hospital-based methods to efficiently and effectively assess impairment of drivers with recommendations for further research that may be needed;

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the AMA for its consideration.

166 NYS Stroke Regulation Simplification

Introduced by the Nassau County Medical Society and the Neurological Society of New York
NOT ADOPTED

167 Personal Protective Equipment Preparedness

Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

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Late B Purchasing Critical Personal Protective Equipment

Introduced by the Nassau County Medical Society

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 167 ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS 167 AND LATE B—ACTION BY MSSNY COUNCIL JUNE 4, 2020

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RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the AMA for its consideration.

168 COVID-19 Emergency

Introduced by the New York County Medical Society

ADOPTED TO COMBINE Resolution 168 (Public Health & Education) & Late F (Reports of Officers); Approved by MSSNY Council June 4, 2020

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York reaffirm MSSNY Policy 110.991, Web-based Tele-Health Initiative and Possible Interference with the Traditional Physician-Patient Relationship;

RESOLVED, That with the expanded use of telemedicine during the COVID-19, that the Medical Society of the State of New York continue to advocate for a continuation of coverage for the full spectrum of technologies that were made available during the pandemic and that physicians be reimbursed by all government and private payers for time and complexity;

RESOLVED, that MSSNY advocate that the current emergency regulations for improved access to and payment for telemedicine services be made permanent with respect to payment parity and use of commonly accessible devices for connecting physicians and patients, without reference to the originating site, while ensuring qualifications of duly licensed physicians to provide such services in a secure environment;

RESOLVED, that MSSNY propose that all NY insurance carriers provide coverage for New Yorkers' telemedicine visits with any physician licensed and registered to practice in New York

State; and be it further RESOLVED, that MSSNY present a resolution to the AMA HOD at its next meeting addressing these issues on a national level.