

Minutes
MSSNY Heart Lung Cancer Committee
May 1, 2024
8:00AM via zoom

Present

Robert Dracker, MD Chair
Donna D’Alessio, MD Vice Chair
Ravi Venkata Akula, MD
Todd Demmy, MD
Amy Early, MD
David Fishman, MD
Alan Klitzke, MD
R. Ramanujan, MD
Scott Landman, Medical Student

Guests

Suchitra Achaarya, MD
Denise Armstrong, MD
Dominic Delamarco, Director of
Hemophilia Services

Absent

Clare Bradley, MD
Timothy Korytko, MD
Bonnie Litvack, MD
Lincoln Pao, MD
Robert Schrieber, MD

Staff

Patricia Clancy, Senior VP/Managing
Director
Brian M. Land, Administrative Asst.

- 1 **1) Welcome new vice chair; new committee members**
- 2 **2) Adoption of January 31, 2024 minutes - approved**
- 3 **3) Adoption of Return to Screening White Paper** — Dr. D’Alessio, Dr. Fishman,
4 Dr. Killackey and Dr Korytko all contributed to the paper which was adopted by
5 MSSNY Council in March. Pat Clancy is rewording the paper to be gender neutral
6 and then it will be posted on the MSSNY website and sent to the legislature and the
7 Department of Health.
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- 9 **4) 2024 House of Delegates action on committee resolution on Principles**
10 **of Public Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak** – The HOD adopted
11 this resolution and it is now policy.
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- 13 **5) Collaborative Campaign to Raise Awareness of Bleeding Disorders –**
14 **presentation by Denise Armstrong, Consultant, Hemophilia Services, New**
15 **York Blood Center** – Denise Armstrong presented slides with the goal of MSSNY
16 collaborating on raising awareness for bleeding disorders, particularly Von
17 Willebrand’s disease. There was discussion of various outreach programs including
18 developing a guide to bleeding disorders to be made available at various medical
19 facilities, a virtual program for bleeding disorders that would qualify for CME
20 credits.
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22 **6) Status of Dense Breast Legislation**– There is a federal movement going into
23 effect this upcoming September that will mandate every state to notify women of
24 having dense breasts. Dr. D’Alessio noted however, that there has not been
25 willingness from insurance companies to cover supplemental screening, even
26 though women are being told their mammograms are mandated by the federal
27 government. It was noted that two bills are being presented to New York State
28 legislature to ensure coverage without cost sharing. Dr. D’Alessio remarked that it
29 has been brought to the attention of the insurance companies and that they have
30 commented on it and asked for MSSNY’s contributions. Pat Clancy made it clear
31 that this is a priority of MSSNY and that there is a letter of support on the
32 Grassroots Action Center. She asked that everyone present send a note to their
33 legislator asking for support.

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35 **7) Next meeting date: October 2, 2024**

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