

**Minutes**  
**MSSNY Committee on Preventive Medicine and Family Health**  
**May 9th, 2024**  
**7:30AM via zoom**

**Present**

Sarah Nosal, MD Co -Chair  
Erick Eiting, MD  
James Docherty, MD  
Frank Dowling, MD  
Roy Korn, MD  
Joseph Maldonado, MD  
Geoffrey Moore, MD  
Daniel Nicoll, MD  
Matthew Weissman, MD  
Jocelyn Young, MD, Commissioner

**Excused**

Nina Huberman, MD Co-Chair

**Absent**

Cassandra Henderson, MD  
Helen Mirza, MD  
Indigo Gill, Student

**Invited Guest**

Jerome Cohen MD MSSNY President  
David Jakubowicz, MD MSSNY  
President Elect  
Suchitra Acharya, MD  
Denise Armstrong, MD  
Dominic Delamarco, Director of  
Hemophilia Services  
Colleen Flanigan, NYSDOH

**Staff**

Thomas Lee, MD MSSNY Executive  
Vice President  
Pat Clancy, Sr. VP Public Health  
Education and Managing Director  
Melissa Hoffman, MPH Asst. Director  
of Public Health  
Brian M Land, Administrative Asst.

- 1       **1) Welcome new committee members; review of committee list**  
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3       **2) Adoption of February 8, 2024 Minutes – approved**  
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5       **3) NYS HCV Testing Law Requirement to require the offer of an HCV**  
6       **screening test to all adults and persons under 18 years of age with**  
7       **an identified risk; Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS, Director, Bureau of**  
8       **Hepatitis Health Care and Epidemiology, New York State Department**  
9       **of Health –** Colleen Flanigan highlighted Hepatitis prevention and  
10       elimination strategies during her PowerPoint presentation, including  
11       expanding the Hepatitis C screening recommendations, universal testing for  
12       adults and pregnant people and also stressed the need for reflex testing  
13       along with sharing resources from the NYSDOH for reflex testing. Correct  
14       specimen handling for Hepatitis C tests was also emphasized.  
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16       **4) New York Blood Center regarding a collaborative campaign with**  
17       **MSSNY to raise awareness for bleeding disorders with a focus on Von**  
18       **Willebrand’s disease; Denise Armstrong, NY Blood Center –** Denise  
19       Armstrong presented a campaign to raise awareness for bleeding disorders,  
20       particularly Von Willebrand’s disease. The campaign would focus on quick  
21       diagnosis and raising awareness of the symptoms of the disease for

22 physicians. Discussions among the committee included, data on  
23 hysterectomies on women with von Willebrand’s disease and prevalence  
24 rates among those experiencing hemorrhagic symptoms.  
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26 **5) 2024 House of Delegates Resolution: Principles of Public Health**  
27 **During an Infectious Disease Outbreak** - Dr. Sarah Nosal highlighted  
28 how MSSNY supports the core principles of the resolution: promotion of  
29 evidence-based medicine, advocating for public health agencies to lead  
30 measures for public health, especially in times of disease outbreaks or  
31 pandemics. Promotion of immunization, social distancing, isolation  
32 quarantine and protection of public and healthcare workers were noted as  
33 being particularly effective as means of disease prevention. This resolution  
34 was adopted at the 2024 HOD and is now MSSNY policy.  
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36 **6) Adjournment; Next meeting October 24, 2024** – Ms. Clancy will send to  
37 Dr. Nosal and Dr. Huberman the “matrix” of issues.