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TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES

**FR: MARK J. ADAMS, MD, MBA, FACR, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON
MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Re: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

MSSNY's Dual Role in Continuing Medical Education

MSSNY is one of 41 state/territory medical societies recognized by the American Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to accredit providers. In that capacity, MSSNY is the only regional accreditor in New York State and currently accredits 33 CME providers within the state.

MSSNY is also accredited by the ACCME to provide CME activities. This includes activities directly provided by MSSNY and jointly provided with other institutions.

Report of the MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education

E. Kenneth Freiberg, MD

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education oversees the Subcommittee on Educational Programs (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Accredited Provider) and the Subcommittee on Surveys (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Recognized Accreditor). Each Subcommittee makes a report of their activities and decisions and the full Committee ratifies those decisions.

The Subcommittee on Surveys reports are provided by the Chair, Pauline Hecht, MD, FACS. The Subcommittee on Educational Programs reports are provided by Sheldon Putterman, MD, CCME, CMEP. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

The full CME Committee meets quarterly. This year's meetings have occurred on March 18, June 24, and September 30. For the September meeting, the committee welcomed MSSNY President Malcolm Reid, MD and MSSNY Executive Vice President Phil Schuh, CPA, as special guests. Members of the committee provided a historical overview of the committee's activities and stressed their desire to best serve the MSSNY community's CME needs.

Additionally, the Committee participated in the ACCME Self-Assessment for Recognized Accreditors. This assessment tool is a professional development exercise provided by the ACCME and includes case-based questions related to accreditation decision-making as Recognized Accreditors to determine each state medical society's compliance with the ACCME Markers of Equivalency. Further, the committee is in the process of reviewing the ACCME's new Criteria for Accreditation with Commendation. Under the existing criteria, MSSNY achieved Accreditation with Commendation in November 2013, which expires in November 2019.

Report of the Subcommittee on Educational
Sheldon Putterman, MD, Chair

The Subcommittee on Educational Program meets via conference call on the third Wednesday of every month. In the first three quarters of 2016, the subcommittee has approved nine directly provided CME activities and 12 jointly provided CME activities. In addition, they have analyzed post-activity data for six directly provided activities and eight jointly provided activities. The subcommittee is also planning to survey MSSNY membership to perform a CME needs assessment.

Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys
Pauline Hecht, MD, Chair

The Subcommittee on Surveys meets quarterly, immediately before the full CME Committee meeting. In 2016, five MSSNY-accredited providers have been awarded reaccreditation terms: Physicians Reciprocal Insurers (PRI), New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Bureau of Psychiatric Services and Research Institute Support, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, and Nyack Hospital. These decisions were the result of a year-long process for reaccreditation which included submission of a written self-study, documentation review of performance in practice (activity files) and an interview between the survey team (members of the subcommittee) and the representatives of each organization. It is anticipated that during its December meeting, the subcommittee will make reaccreditation decisions on another four providers.

Miscellaneous

The MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education holds a monthly web-conference with all MSSNY-accredited providers to discuss CME requirements and issues. Immediately following this web-conference, the MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education offers optional accreditation training for any Accredited Provider at any point in the reaccreditation process.

(MSSNY Council Report submitted for information.)

Subcommittee on Educational Programs

2015 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) Continuing Medical Education mission: To provide physicians with the means to address competence and performance gaps in their delivery of high quality medical care, by utilizing innovative and conventional educational intervention formats and modes to provide and evaluate continuing medical education.

During the calendar year 2015, MSSNY provided the following, approved by the Subcommittee on Educational Programs:

Type of activity	Number of			
	Activities	Hours of Instruction	Physician Participants	Non-Physician Participants
Directly Provided				
Courses	5	7.5	303	45
Regularly Scheduled Series	0	0	0	0
Internet Live Course	17	18.00	269	197
Internet Activity Enduring Material	54	69.00	445	180
Enduring Material	1	4.0	27	16
Subtotal, Directly provided	77	98.5	1,030	438
Jointly Provided				
Courses	8	124.75	474	789
Regularly Scheduled Series	13	77	654	779
Internet Live Course	15	11.5	426	2301
Internet Activity Enduring Material	85	86.25	1215	1361
Subtotal, Jointly provided	121	299.5	2769	5230
Total for all activities	198	398.00	3799	5668

MSSNY jointly provided with state and national organizations:

- The American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology jointly provided their 11th Annual Scientific Meeting with more than 200 attendees.
- The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs) held an Academy for Healthcare Leadership Advancement and requested 46.5 CME credits for 48 members. This innovative program spanned three months, with an initial live course in September followed by subsequent live webinars.
- Slocum-Dickson Educational Institute Inc. jointly provided their 14th Annual Teaching Day for 142 learners.
- MSSNY continued a working relationship with LiveOnNy (formerly the NYS Organ Donor Network) to accredit their training on Introduction to Organ and Tissue Donation.

- Physicians Research Network (PRN) continued to offer live activities that were also developed into enduring online activities. The total of these live and enduring activities are reaching physicians across the nation.

MSSNY's directly provided activities included timely and diverse topics through the monthly sessions of Medical Matters and Advocacy Matters. These directly-provided activities consisted of multiple sessions and live webinars archived for enduring materials. Medical Matters topics included public health issues like: Emerging Infection, Epidemiology, Emergency Law, Vulnerable Patients in Disasters (Special Populations), and Isolation and Quarantine. Via Advocacy Matters, physician-practice issues were addressed with topics like New York State's Requirement for E-Prescribing, Helping your Patients Understand the Fully Integrated Duals Advantage (FIDA) Program, and the State Health Innovation Initiative. Additional sessions of the E-Prescribing activity were added to help meet physician needs. Through a Department of Health and Human Services grant entitled "New York State Hospital Preparedness Program," MSSNY has been able to directly provide a series "PTSD/TBI in Returning Veterans" consisting of live webinars (recorded for enduring materials) and grand rounds. In addition, in 2015 the Subcommittee on Educational Programs approved a webinar series entitled "Revisiting the Role of Opioid Analgesics for Simple and Complex Patients with Chronic Pain." These live webinars ran in the first quarter of 2016 and are being archived as enduring materials on MSSNY's CME website. The series was developed in cooperation with the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE); no one involved accepted any compensation for the roles in the planning or delivery of these activities.