

Medical Society of the State of New York
Heart, Lung, Cancer Committee
October 19, 2016
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Webex

Present:

Teleconference

Robert Dracker, MD, Vice-Chair
Brian Strizik, MD, Vice-Chair
Clare Bradley, MD

Absent

Gino Bottino, MD
Patricia Fitzpatrick, MD
Salim Memon, MD
Sherise Rogers, MD, MPH
Katherine Seibert, MD

MSSNY Staff

Pat Clancy, VP, Public Health & Education
Terri Homes, Secretary

Invited Guest

Frank Dowling, MD, Commissioner

Excused

Joanne Cobler, MD

1 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The committee was asked to check their contact information and
2 send any changes/corrections to MSSNY staff.

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4 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** January 27, 2016. Unable to adopt minutes-lack of quorum.

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6 **3) 2017 Sunset Policy Recommendation:**

7 **125.998 Use of CT Scans for Early Detection of Lung Cancer:**

8 MSSNY to place on its website the white paper, *Use of CT Scans for Early Detection of Lung*
9 *Cancer*, drafted by its Heart, Lung and Cancer Committee. (HOD 2007-164)

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11 **RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET.** This policy has been supersede by a 2014 HOD policy
12 **125.994 Use of CT Scans for Early Detection of Lung Cancer** The Medical Society of the
13 State of New York supports screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography for
14 patients who meet current nationally recognized guidelines. (HOD 2014-157). Thus, Policy
15 125.998 is no longer needed.

16 **300.947 Support Congressional Bills to FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

17 **AUTHORITY TO Regulate Tobacco Products:** MSSNY will support federal legislation
18 establishing the Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate all tobacco products.
19 (HOD 2007-163)

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21 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM WITH MODIFICATION.** Previously, the FDA
22 regulated cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco and smokeless tobacco, but in
23 2016, the FDA finalized a rule entitled, Deeming Tobacco Products to be Subject to the federal
24 Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, which extended the FDA's authority to include the regulation of

1 electronic nicotine delivery systems (such as e-cigarettes and vape pens), all cigars, hookah
2 (waterpipe) tobacco, pipe tobacco and nicotine gels, among others. The FDA is now able to:
3 review new tobacco products not yet on the market; prevent misleading claims by tobacco
4 product manufacturers; evaluate the ingredients of tobacco products and how they are made; and
5 communicate the potential risks of tobacco products. The regulation went into effect on August
6 8, 2016. The modification is to convey continued support of the FDA's ability to regulate all
7 tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems.
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9 **309.948 Tobacco Use and Smoking:**

10 MSSNY encourages its members to maintain a tobacco-free environment and prohibit all forms
11 of tobacco use on their property and, **supports efforts also, continue** to educate physicians in
12 tobacco cessation techniques based on the most recent treatment guidelines for tobacco use and
13 dependence. (HOD 2007-162)
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15 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM WITH MODIFICATION.** Policy is still germane and
16 modification clarifies that MSSNY will support efforts to educate physicians in tobacco
17 cessation.
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19 Committee members present supported the recommendations. Ms. Clancy will send
20 these policies out to the remainder of the committee to obtain input.
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22 **4) Policy 125.996 Update:** It was stated that this policy needs to be updated. There
23 have been significant changes since the original policy was written. Both Dr. Bradley
24 and Dr. Strizik agreed to sit on a subcommittee along with members of the Preventive
25 Medicine & Family Health Committee to work on this policy.
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27 **5) 2017 Meeting Dates: February 1, 2017; April 26, 2017 and October 18, 2017**
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29 **6) Adjournment:** Next Meeting February 1, 2017
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