



## MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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### **Patricia Harris, MD, Chair of AMA BOT, Chair of AMA's Task Force on Opioid Abuse Presents At MSSNY Bioethics Committee**

Patricia Harris, MD, Chair of the American Medical Association Board of Trustees and chair of the AMA's Task Force On Opioid Abuse, addressed the members of the MSSNY's Bioethics Committee on Friday, October 28, 2016. Dr. Harris provided the national and AMA perspective on how to reduce Opioid Abuse. Participating in the meeting were members of MSSNY leadership, other MSSNY committee members and staff.

### **Emergency Preparedness Educational Programs**

MSSNY will begin its 2017 *Medical Matters* continuing medical education (CME) webinar series with ***"When Is the Flu Not the Flu?"*** on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.** William Valenti, MD, chair of MSSNY Infectious Disease Committee and a member of the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response Committee will serve as faculty for this program. Registration is now open. A copy of the flyer is attached. Additional information or assistance with registration may be obtained by contacting Melissa Hoffman at [mhoffman@mssny.org](mailto:mhoffman@mssny.org).

Educational objectives are: 1) Recognize the distinction between influenza virus infections and other similarly presenting illnesses. 2) Describe strategies for prevention, diagnosis and management of patients presenting with flu-like symptoms.

Medical Matters is a series of CME webinars sponsored by MSSNY's Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response. Additional programs are will be conducted in January-May 2017, and topics include: Triage in a Disaster Event; The Mental Health Impact of Active Shooter/Bombing on the Healthcare Team; and Mosquito Borne Diseases. Program dates for Medical Matters will be announced shortly.

### **Opioid Educational Programs**

MSSNY's original planning committee on its Opioid Webinar series has come back together to ascertain whether its existing program meets all the components of the statutory requirements of the CME mandate. Based on discussion with the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement (BNE) and reviewing the actual statute, there are three areas which MSSNY's current webinar series is deficient. These are a comprehensive review of the federal and state statutes and palliative medicine and end of life care. The planning committee has agreed to revise the existing program to encompass the three missing topics. Additionally, tentative plans also will be to create a podcast on the three topics to enable those physicians who have taken the previous MSSNY Opioid Webinar series to listen just to the podcast and to additional CME credit. This would enable them to attest to DOH that they have taken at least three hours in CME on all the required topics.

**DOH Concussion Grant**

The Medical Society of the State of New York has received a \$14,850 grant from the New York State Department of Health to conduct a webinar and a podcast focused on concussion in individuals that will be aimed at educating primary care physicians and pediatricians. There will also be information at the MSSNY House of Delegates on DOH's efforts to prevent concussion in individuals. This program is currently in the initial stages of development and it is anticipated that programming will begin in early 2017.

**DOH Commissioner's Grand Rounds on Dietary Supplements to be held Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> in Albany**

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker, MD, will host a medical grand rounds on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 am at The Wadsworth Center – David Axelrod Institute, 120 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The topic will be: *"Dietary Supplements: Buyer Beware, Provider Be Wary"*.

Faculty for the event will be Pieter A. Cohen, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Internist, Cambridge Health Alliance; Nina Ahmad, MD, Medical Director, Division of Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health and Nathan Graber, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Environmental Health, New York State Department of Health. Registration for this session is required and a copy of the flyer is attached.

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