Medical Society of the State of New York  
Heart, Lung, Cancer Committee  
April 26, 2017  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Webex

Present
Robert Dracker, MD, Chair  
Brian Strizik, MD, Vice-Chair  
Gino Bottino, MD  
Joanne Cobler

Absent
Alfred Tinger, MD  
Clare Bradley, MD  
Patricia Fitzpatrick, MD  
Panjur Mathur, MD  
Salim Memon, MD

MSSNY Staff
Pat Clancy, SR Vice President,  
Public Health & Education,  
Managing Director, Division of  
Governmental Affairs  
Terri Homes, Secretary

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

2) Adoption of Minutes: February 1, 2017 adopted as written.

3) MSSNY 2017 HOD Resolutions: Resolution 150 - Protecting Children from Exposure to Second Hand Smoke: MSSNY passed a very broad policy in 2008 that states that when it comes to tobacco children will be protected in all settings. This resolution was placed on the reaffirmation calendar.  
Resolution 151 - Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing: This resolution was adopted as amended.  
MSSNY is hoping for final passage on increase of the purchase age and the inclusion of e-Cigarettes under the Clean Indoor Air Act.

ASCO’s State of Cancer Care Report: The committee began discussion of the report. There are huge disparities (e.g. economic and racial groups). We are doing well with smoking cessation. If you have money to work on an issue you can really make a difference. With smoking they got money from the lawsuits against the tobacco industry and the money has been used very successfully in NYS. Another important piece is the Affordable Care Act requires that insurance companies pay for counseling and tobacco cessation products. Now when physicians see patients they can make a referral for counseling or give a prescription to help with smoking addiction. As newer, better therapy becomes available, the cost becomes intolerable. The main challenge is the cost of care. The second problem is disparity in care. The third problem is the medical
workforce is in trouble. Physician practices are unsustainable because of the cost of medicine. It was agreed that before a statement is written we need to see if MSSNY already has existing policy.

4) Adjournment: Next Meeting October 18, 2017