

**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 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The committee was asked to check their contact information and
2 forward any changes/corrections to MSSNY staff.
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4 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** February 1, 2017 adopted as written.
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6 **3) MSSNY 2017 HOD Resolutions:** *Resolution 150-Protecting Children from Exposure*
7 *to Second Hand Smoke:* MSSNY passed a very broad policy in 2008 that states that when
8 it comes to tobacco children will be protected in all settings. This resolution was placed
9 on the reaffirmation calendar.
10 *Resolution 151-Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing:* This resolution was adopted as amended.
11 MSSNY is hoping for final passage on increase of the purchase age and the inclusion of
12 e-Cigarettes under the Clean Indoor Air Act.
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14 **ASCO's State of Cancer Care Report:** The committee began discussion of the report.
15 There are huge disparities (e.g. economic and racial groups). We are doing well with
16 smoking cessation. If you have money to work on an issue you can really make a
17 difference. With smoking they got money from the lawsuits against the tobacco industry
18 and the money has been used very successfully in NYS. Another important piece is the
19 Affordable Care Act requires that insurance companies pay for counseling and tobacco
20 cessation products. Now when physicians see patients they can make a referral for
21 counseling or give a prescription to help with smoking addiction. As newer, better
22 therapy becomes available, the cost becomes intolerable. The main challenge is the cost
23 of care. The second problem is disparity in care. The third problem is the medical

1 workforce is in trouble. Physician practices are unsustainable because of the cost of
2 medicine. It was agreed that before a statement is written we need to see if MSSNY
3 already has existing policy.

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5 **4) Adjournment:** Next Meeting October 18, 2017