

MEMORANDUM

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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To: MSSNY Council
From: Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice President for Public Health and Education/Managing Director
Subject: Public Health and Education Report

Mandatory Prescriber Education

MSSNY continues to educate physicians and other prescribers on the statutory three hour requirement on pain management, palliative care and addiction. Since March, MSSNY has educated the prescribers at a series of webinars, a live seminar at the MSSNY HOD, and through its on-line program. There were 2,520 prescribers who took the webinars, 132 prescribers who took the three hour program at the MSSNY House of Delegates, and as of May 31, 2017 there were also 5,245 prescribers who have established an account at MSSNY CME. Non-MSSNY members are charged \$50 per module or \$150 for all three hours. As we get closer to the July 1, 2017 deadline, the traffic on the MSSNY CME site increases.

Every prescriber is required to attest to the NYS Department of Health that they have taken a three hour program that comport with the statute by July 1, 2017. The prescriber should only attest after completion of at least three hours of course work or training covering all eight topics. A prescriber with a Health Commerce System (HCS) account will attest online using the Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker (NEAT) application. A copy of the instructions for attesting is attached.

The Medical Society of the State of New York *Pain Management, Palliative Care and Addiction* modules are now available on-line at <https://cme.mssny.org>. These modules are being offered free of charge to all MSSNY members. Physicians who are new users to the MSSNY CME site will be required to register as a new user. As a new user, physicians and non-physicians will be required to enter fields that include: position; name (the name should be what you want to appear on the CME certificate); email address; and then create a password. MSSNY members who encounter a payment page or have difficulty registering, please email cme@mssny.org for technical support.

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness Grant Renewed for 2017-18

The Medical Society's emergency preparedness grant from the NYS Department of Health has been renewed for 2017-18. The \$79,125 grant will allow MSSNY to continue its Medical Matters series, and its online programs on emergency preparedness. MSSNY Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disasters and Terrorism Response will meet on Tuesday, June 27 in Albany to discuss deliverables for the next fiscal year. Committee members will also discuss with Brad Hutton, MPH, Director, Center for Community Health, NYS Department of Health, the Zika virus and C. auris.

MSSNY To Act As Sole Source Contractor for DOH TBI Program

MSSNY has submitted a work plan and budget to again be a "sole source" contractor for NYS Department of Health TBI program. Under this \$31,000 contract, MSSNY is responsible for educating physicians, allied health and EMS personnel on the signs and symptoms of TBI in the pediatric and adult communities. In 2016/17, MSSNY received over \$14,000 to provide a webinar, a podcast and an online program on concussion. MSSNY's pre-recorded podcast on *Current Concepts in Concussion for Pediatric and Adult Patients* is now available on the MSSNY CME webpage for your participation. Listen in on a discussion between Dr. John Pugh,

assistant professor of Neurology at Albany Medical Center and Dr. Deborah Light, Director of the Sports Medicine Fellowship at Albany Medical Center while they share their expertise on topics including identifying symptoms indicative of concussion, outlining appropriate management plans, and methods for primary and secondary prevention of concussion. To listen to the podcast, please go to <https://cme.mssny.org> One hour of Continuing Medical Education (CME) is available to physicians.

MSSNY Bioethics Committee to Assist in the Development of Aid in Dying Survey

MSSNY's Bioethics Committee, under the direction of Jeffrey Berger, MC, chair, has established a subcommittee of its committee members to assist in the development of the aid in dying survey called for at the 2017 MSSNY House of Delegates. MSSNY staff has identified several state medical societies that have either change position on aid in dying or became neutral and will contact them to ascertain if a survey was conducted of its membership. The subcommittee will discuss the survey development throughout the summer. It is anticipated that the survey will be ready for distribution sometime in the fall.

MSSNY Public Health and Education/ DGA Committees

Minutes from the various public health and education committees have been provided. MSSNY committees have been determining 2018 priorities as per Dr. Rothberg's directive. The priorities are:

Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee: 1) Continue to respond to the opioid public health crisis. 2) Monitor the state's medical marijuana program and changes. 3) Develop contingency plans for addressing mental health issues should changes in insurance law occur.

Bioethics Committee: 1) Physician Assisted Suicide/Aid in Dying Survey. 2) Review of MSSNY position on medical marijuana. 3) Is Healthcare a Right?

Health Care Disparities Committee: 1) Understand organizations/programs that currently exist within our state that might provide synergy with our goal of eliminating health disparities. Examples DSRIP initiatives by PPS, educational institutions, bridge programs. 2) Take a statewide inventory of programs and resources designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and have that information readily available as a resource. 3) Provide CME education for physicians in topics related to health disparities.

Infectious Disease Committee: 1) Immunization Prevention—Ensure that immunization continues to be covered by NYS/country insurance products and ensuring that current public policy on immunized continues to be based on evidence based medicine. 2) Pre-existing Conditions Remains as a Standard---Especially for those individuals infected with diseases that are transmissible such as HIV, and for which, ongoing medical treatment is also a prevention strategy. 3) Review of Environmental Protection—Ensuring that the public water system and the effects of warming and migration of vectors like mosquitos (Zika, malaria, West Nile, etc) environmental factors that could contribute to the spread of infectious diseases.

Long Term Care Subcommittee: 1) VA/MSSNY Collaboration and Education Program – Dwyer to Dwyer. 2) Home Care Regulations/Task Force. 3) Long Term Care issues related to nursing homes and quality and safety issues in nursing homes including educational programming on sepsis and infectious disease preventionists.

Prevention Medicine and Family Health Committee: Prevention modalities and implementation to include: 1) Substance Use and Abuse prevention. 2) Behavioral Health Interventions, Identifying and Providing Access to Community Resources/Population Health. 3) HIV/Hep C Treatment: Primary Care role in treating population. 4) Implementation of Youth At Risk paper.

Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee: 1) Review of changes in the health care system, practice transformation and relationship with value-based payments, DSRIP, Medicare and MACRA. 2) Changes to the MOC program. 3) Long term care insurance.

Several of the PHE committees are yet to meet and have not yet established priorities.

Online Electronic Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker–Prescriber


Complete the steps below to access the NEAT (Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker) application in the NYS Health Commerce System (HCS):

1. Log into the HCS at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>
2. Under “My Content” click on “All Applications”
3. Click on “N”
4. Scroll down to NEAT (Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker) and double click to open the application. You may also click on the “+” sign to add this application under “My Applications” on the left side of the Home screen.

Complete the steps below to ATTEST to the completion of the education requirement:

1. Select your name below. If there is more than one option select the “prescriber” button.

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NARCOTIC EDUCATION ATTESTATION TRACKER

This application can be used by prescribers and facilities, on behalf of their medical residents, to attest to the completion of at least three (3) hours of course work or training in pain management, palliative care and addiction.

To get started, please select the prescriber or facility that needs to submit an attestation of the completion of mandatory course work or training.

Choose One

Prescriber - John X Doe

Hospital (pfj):8888 - Z Test Hospital (PFI)



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide contact information.

Email Address

Phone Number

Mailing Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

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3. Check to determine that the information displayed is correct and click "Submit Attestation" button

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PRESCRIBER SUMMARY

Contact information has been saved

Prescriber

Name John X. Doe

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License Medicine - 9999999

If you have additional licenses to prescribe, other than what is listed above, click [here](#) to add licenses, or contact the Commerce Account Management Unit (CAMU) at 1-866-529-1890 (Option 1) for more instructions.

Contact Info

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[Edit Contact Info](#)

Phone 555-555-5555

Mailing Address 555 Avenue U
Nowhere, NY 12203

[Submit Attestation](#)

[Request Exemption](#)

Exemptions will be granted only in very limited circumstances, and not solely on the basis of economic hardship, technological limitations, prescribing volume, practice area, specialty, or board certification.

Attestations

No attestations

4. Review the Attestation Language and click the "I Attest" button if you meet the attestation requirements.



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PRESCRIBER ATTESTATION

Prescriber

Name John X Doe

License Medicine - 9999999

Attestation

Every practitioner licensed under Title Eight of the Education Law in New York to treat humans and registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe controlled substances must complete three hours of accredited course work or training on pain management, palliative care and addiction. The following specific topics must be included in the training: 1) New York State and federal requirements for prescribing controlled substances, 2) pain management, 3) appropriate prescribing, 4) managing acute pain, 5) palliative medicine, 6) prevention, screening and signs of addiction, 7) responses to abuse and addiction and 8) end of life care. Each practitioner must maintain documentation of completion of required accredited course work or training for six years from the date of submission of this attestation.

I hereby attest that:

1. I have completed a minimum of three hours of required accredited course work or training on pain management, palliative care and addiction, which included each of the eight topics specified above.
2. Records of such training shall be available for audit and inspection by the Department of Health, and shall be retained for six years from the date of submission of this attestation.

False statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

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5. Below is a summary page that can be printed for your records.



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PRESCRIBER SUMMARY

Attestation has been submitted.

Prescriber

Name John X Doe

License Medicine - 9999999

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You have a current attestation.

Attestations

Ref #	Attestation Date	Valid Until Date
61	07/07/2017	05/30/2020

Complete the steps below to request an exemption from the required education:

In certain limited circumstances, the New York State Department of Health may grant an exemption to the required course work or training to an individual prescriber who clearly demonstrates to the department that there is no need to complete such training.

Exemptions will be granted only in very limited circumstances, and not solely on the basis of economic hardship, technological limitations, prescribing volume, practice area, specialty, or board certification.

1. Click the “Request Exemption” button

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Contact information has been saved

Prescriber

Name John X Doe

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License Medicine - 998999

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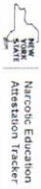
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Exemptions will be granted only in very limited circumstances, and not solely on the basis of economic hardship, technological limitations, prescribing volume, practice area, specialty, or board certification.

Attestations

No attestations



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REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

Prescriber

Name John X. Doe

License Medicine - 3999999

Information to Support Need for Exemption

Provide a detailed description of the circumstances why there is or needs to complete the provider's mandatory education. You may either enter the circumstances directly into the justification text field or provide or upload a supporting document using the button below.

Justification

Supporting Documents

No files have been uploaded

[Upload Supporting Document](#)

In certain limited circumstances, the department may grant an exemption to the required course work or training to an individual prescriber who clearly demonstrates to the department that there is no need to complete such training.

Exemptions will be granted only in very limited circumstances, and not solely on the basis of economic hardship, technological innovations, prescribing volume, practice area specialties or board certification.

Please state in your justification why you are requesting an exemption pursuant to Section 200.45 of the Public Law.

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3. This screen indicates an exemption request has been saved. There is also an option to attest which will cancel the exemption request.

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Licenses Medicine - 5999999

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You have a pending exemption request

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Attestations
No attestations

Exemptions

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4. This screen allows you to save information for later, submit exemption request or cancel exemption request.

Exemption - Ref #125 **Status: Unsubmitted**
Prescriber

Name John X Doe
License Medicine - 999999

Information to Support Need for Exemption

Provide a detailed description of the circumstances why there is no need to complete the prescriber mandatory education. You may either enter the circumstances directly into the justification text field provided or upload a supporting document using the button below.

Justification

Supporting Documents

No files have been uploaded

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In certain limited circumstances, the department may grant an exemption to the required course work or training to an individual prescriber who clearly demonstrates to the department that there is no need to complete such training.

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Exemption request has been submitted

Prescriber

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You have a pending exemption request.

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Attestations

No attestations

Exemptions

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125	03/23/2017	Under review	