

**MSSNY's Meeting Minutes for the
Committee on Interspecialty**

The Committee on Interspecialty met on Thursday evening, May 18, 2017.

Members Present: Steven S. Schwalbe, MD, Chair
Rose Berkun, MD
Mary Fowkes, MD

Guest: Lawrence Melniker, MD, Kings County Medical Society and
Author of Resolution 2017-157

MSSNY Staff: Regina McNally, VP, Socio-Medical Economics

The Interspecialty Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:35 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to make a recommendation for the Council referred Resolution 2017-157

Resolution 157 reads - **Development and Promotion of Evidence-based *Ultrasound-First Radiation Mitigating Protocols***

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society and the AMA encourages physicians to develop evidence-based Ultrasound-First Protocols using point-of-care ultrasound as the first imaging modality when deemed clinically appropriate; and be it further

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The Committee members in attendance heard a demonstrative and impassioned talk from the author providing his explanation for the sentiments expressed by the resolution. Members questioned appropriate training for ultrasound use and the possibility that more highly defined radiological views might be needed based on the patient's condition or body image/tissue needing to be seen.

Since a Quorum was not in attendance, the members discussed offering the full Committee a substitute resolution as a suggestion for a recommendation to MSSNY Council. In addition, Dr. Melniker emailed the full Committee several critical points that he felt needed to be clarified along with 26 portable document format (PDF) documents.

Based on this added consideration and the sense from the Committee members that MSSNY is not in a position to develop evidence-based protocols, the Committee submits the following recommendation to Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION: MSSNY adopt the following position statement, in lieu of Resolution 157:

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York encourage physicians to use evidence based Ultrasound-First Protocols as the first imaging modality by appropriately trained physicians when deemed clinically appropriate.

(For Council Approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Steven S. Schwalbe, MD, Chairman