



## **MEMORANDUM**

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To: MSSNY Council  
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#### **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 are approximately 11,100 physicians and other prescribers who have taken a MSSNY course.

#### **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 and educational programming is already underway. *Medical Matters* will begin on October 18, 2017 with a presentation on the "Importance of Herd Immunity". Fungal infections and the mental health impact of disasters will follow in December and January. Additionally, there will be a presentation at the MSSNY House of Delegates –topic yet to be determined. Flyers and registration for the programs will be available shortly.

#### **MSSNY To Act As Sole Source Contractor for DOH TBI Program**

MSSNY has been approved to 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. MSSNY's grant deliverables include conducting two webinars, three seminars, two grand rounds and a presentation at the MSSNY House of Delegates. 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, will continue to serve as faculty and have been joined by Dr. Robert Dracker and Dr. Andrew Getzin.

#### **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, 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 changed position on aid in dying or became neutral and will contact them to ascertain if a survey was conducted of its membership. The subcommittee met on September 8, 2017 to begin discussion of survey questions.

#### **MSSNY Public Health and Education/ DGA Committees**

Fall meetings of the MSSNY Public Health and Education committees are currently underway.