Draft Minutes  
Heart, Lung Cancer Committee  
January 22, 2020  
Via Webex

Present  
Robert Dracker, MD, Chair  
Clauden Louis, MD, Co-Vice Chair  
Clare Bradley, MD  
Raymond, Lorenzoni, MD  
Bonnie Liebers, Alliance  
Janine Fogarty, MD, Asst. Commissioner  
Bonnie Litvak, MD, President-elect

Absent  
Amy P. Early, MD  
Bishoy Elbebawy, MD  
David A. Fishman, MD  
Alan K. Klitze, MD  
San-San Wynn, MD  
Marco Lawandy, Student

Excused  
Brian Strizik, MD, Vice-Chair  
Joshua Cohen, MD, Commissioner

Staff  
Patricia Clancy, Sr. Vice-President/Managing Director  
Public Health and Education  
Maureen Ramirez, Administrative Asst.

1) Welcome

2) Adoption of Minutes

3) Discussion of MSSNY Policy 125.996 – Pat Clancy sent out inquiries to all specialty medical societies that might be impacted by these revisions. The only society that responded was the New York State Radiological Society. Discussion that if they’ve been contacted and asked for comment and there has been none, then that indicates agreement. Pat Clancy was asked to send an email to the presidents of the societies tell them there was a request for comment and having received none, MSSNY will assume the societies are in agreement with what has been written.

The introduction was revised to include revisions written by Dr. Draker. Donna D’Alessio, MD from the Radiological Society inquired about revised language. There was discussion of new guidelines of NCCN that came out in September. The following components were addressed:

#10 Genetic Testing – revised
Intro Statement – revised
#5 – will be replaced with a new statement
A copy of the entire document will be sent to American Cancer Society. Pat Clancy will get this out to the committee and the specialty societies to give them a chance to review and then hopefully get it back to the MSSNY Council for final approval at its March 5, 2020 meeting.

4) Flavored E-Cigarettes Ban – The courts have ruled that the state ban on e-cigarettes was not valid. MSSNY has aligned itself with a list of organizations that calls for a ban on all flavored e-cigarettes, nicotine pods and all flavored tobacco products. Flavored cigarettes are already banned, but there are flavored hookahs, loose tobacco, chewing tobacco and cigarellas that continue to exist on the market. MSSNY and the organizations are seeking a comprehensive approach to the ban on all flavored e-cigarettes and tobacco products. The governor has put the ban on these products within the state budget. The ban is a significant public health priority for MSSNY because of the vaping deaths and the number of young people that have taken to using e-cigarettes. MSSNY has been at the forefront of this issue urging the governor to take some steps statutorily.

Comments from the committee followed. One issue is that the delivery system can be considered another type of drug delivery system. Young people are using the ampules and refilling them with other products. The tobacco and additives products and flavoring are another concern especially with the younger smokers. The biggest nut to crack will be the ban on flavorings. One committee member states that the adolescents he’s seeing is concentrated more on the vaping devices and what they can spike them with THC, etc. vs the flavored tobacco products. There was a recent study indicating there is a correlation between e-cigarettes and an increase in cardiovascular disease. MSSNY is working very hard to be proactive on this topic and is looking for help to bring this information to the legislature.

Committee asked if there was anything on the table that they do to assist MSSNY with this? March 4, 2020 is MSSNY’s State Legislation Day. Many of the county medical societies are involved. Members can go to the Grassroots Action Center and send letters to legislators and the governor regarding this issue. Dr. Litvack sent a link to committee members for the Grassroots Action Center.

5) 2020 Meetings – Meetings are held on Wednesdays between 8 and 9AM
May 6, 2020
October 14, 2020

Adjourned