

Draft Minutes
Medical Society of the State of New York
Heart, Lung, Cancer Committee
October 14, 2020

Present

Joshua Cohen, MD Commissioner
Janine Fogarty, MD Asst. Commissioner
Robert Dracker, MD Chair
Clauden Louis, MD Co-Vice-Chair
Clare Bradley, MD
Donna D'Alessio, MD
Amy Early, MD
Alan Klitze, MD
Raymond Lorenzoni, MD
Bonnie Libers, Alliance

Excused

Marco Lawandy, Student

Absent

Brian Strizik, MD Co-Vice-Chair
David Fishman, MD

Invited Guest

Bonnie Litvak, MD President

Staff

Patricia Clancy Sr. Vice-President,
Managing Director Public Health
Education and Governmental Affairs
Maureen Ramirez, Admin. Asst.

- 1 **1) Welcome**
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3 **2) Adoption of May 6, 2020 Minutes – Approved**
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5 **3) MSSNY Support for School-based flu vaccination** – a copy of a memo from the
6 MSSNY Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response Planning Committee to
7 MSSNY Council supporting requiring influenza vaccination for all children prior to them
8 attending school. The memo indicates that it has the support of MSSNY’s Infectious Diseases
9 Committee as well as the support of this committee per discussion at our meeting of May 6,
10 2020. The resolution went before MSSNY Council in September 2020 and was successfully
11 approved. This resolution was sent to the NYS Department of Health. It is under discussion at
12 the Department of Health and it has acknowledged MSSNY’s adoption of the resolution. There
13 was concern that this needs to be moved through the DOH, since the school year is well
14 underway.
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16 **4) Recommendations for Post COVID cardiology evaluation for adult patients (over**
17 **18 years of age) for anyone who has had a known COVID positive test, regardless of**
18 **symptomatology** – should the physicians consider post COVID evaluations because of heart
19 and lung issues? There has been increasing information coming out regarding post COVID
20 cardiac complications also neurological and pulmonary. Specifically, cardiac complications after
21 even a mild case of COVID have been noted. There has been consideration that physicians
22 should be doing specific screenings for issues, not just in children but adults who have had post
23 COVID infections, whether they are aware of it or not. The literature is demonstrating that post
24 COVID infections, even if asymptomatic, have caused significant complications with myocarditis
25 or some form of cardiomyopathy. There have been cases of post COVID patients who have had
26 significantly reduced cardiac function but have recovered after a significant period of time.
27 Children are affected when they get the Inflammatory Syndrome. Over 25% have had some

28 type of cardiac dysfunction. It is recommended by the ACC for pediatrics, that everyone be
29 evaluated before returning to sports or strenuous activity. At this time asymptomatic pediatric
30 patients who are asymptomatic but have tested positive for COVID are being screened with a
31 physical exam. Perhaps an EKG. The other significant population that should be looked at are
32 those with recognized cardiac disease. Those who have sustained COVID infections and fully
33 recover always have some residual dysfunction associated with the prior infection. It was
34 recommended that the idea of screening for post COVID cardiac issues should be put out for
35 the cardiologists on the committee lists, check with the American College of Cardiology. It will
36 then be passed on to members of the Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee.

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38 **5) Discussion of HPV malignancies and the importance of vaccinations** – there has
39 been research into the HPV vaccine and how it could or could not affect squamous cell
40 carcinoma. Patients who found to have cutaneous squamous carcinoma that was too diffuse to
41 treat locally, were given HPV. There are three cases that have actually been resolved. This was
42 brought to the attention of the committee that a vaccine was actually used as therapy. It
43 reinforces how important this vaccine can be. There is value in improving long term outcomes. It
44 is possible to be preventive and therapeutic. Pat Clancy mentioned it should be brought to
45 MSSNY’s Infectious Disease committee.

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47 **6) Materials to Promote Lung Cancer Screening** – MSSNY received informational
48 materials from Astra Zeneca regarding the important of lung cancer screening. It’s good
49 information to have to encourage patients to continue cancer screening even during the COVID
50 crisis. These materials were distributed to all members via MSSNY’s e-news. It is a good
51 reminder for patients to continue to get screened and vaccinated. Another screening topic was
52 brought up that there is an attempt to get a bill passed in Albany for screening and all methods
53 of treatment for color rectal cancer. The Heart Lung Cancer committee has been asked to look it
54 over once it has been rewritten. Screening guidelines have changed and the American Cancer
55 Society suggests screening begin at 45 and this bill urges mandated insurance coverage. The
56 committee agree to review it once they have the needed documents.

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58 **7) Future topics for discussion** – members were encouraged to think about topics for
59 future meetings.

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61 **8) 2021 Heart Lung Cancer Meeting Dates:** February 3rd, May 5th, October 6th.
62 Outlook invitations for these dates and an email will be sent out.

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