

2017 ROAM HOD ACTIONS

201 – Development of Burnout Programs

Introduced by MSSNY Committee for Physician Health Advisory Committee

And

202 Management of Physician and Medical Student Stress

Introduced by Eighth District Branch, MSSNY
Seventh District Branch, MSSNY

And

203 Physician Burnout

Introduced by Gregory Pinto, MD, as an Individual
Delegate, Fourth District Branch
Third and Fourth District Branches

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR 201, 202 AND 203

RESOLVED, That MSSNY inform its members of the Council action supporting development of a program to assist physicians experiencing symptoms of stress or burnout due to administrative overload that would not constitute the practice of medicine and would preserve confidentiality for the physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) request the American Medical Association (AMA) produce a report summarizing current research and efforts to address physician practice sustainability and satisfaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the MSSNY Task Force on Physician Burnout and Stress continue to meet and expand its work to include the development of information about the administrative and regulatory burdens placed on physicians and recommendations to reduce these burdens that may also then reduce physician burnout, depression and suicide and report back to the Council or the House of Delegates.

204 MOC Should Not Contribute to Physician Burnout

Introduced by New York County Medical Society

REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) ask the American Medical Association (AMA), and partner specialty societies that nominate candidates to bodies concerned with maintenance of certification (MOC), to nominate only those candidates who agree that MOC should be accomplished only through open, book examinations or other innovative methods that meet with widespread approval by physicians.

205 Board Eligibility

Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Kings

CURRENT POLICIES 85.962; 50.997; 160.965; 160.966; 160.969; 160.971; 160.972 and 160.973 REAFFIRMED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 205

RESOLVED, that MSSNY requests that the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), hospitals and insurance companies consider that the duly licensed physician should be the only requirement for practice of medicine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY request that the ABMS keep their promise of the grandfather clause; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY propose that there should be more than one pathway to participation in insurance companies, hospital privileges and other organizations (e.g. ambulatory surgery centers) and that the ABMS work with the other societies to find alternate pathways to ensure physician competency and pursuit of lifelong learning.

- 206** Affiliation of MSSNY with the New York State AFL-CIO
Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Queens
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

TITLE CHANGE: MSSNY UNION AFFILIATION

RESOLVED, that MSSNY open talks with the National Guild for Medical Professionals, Office and Professional Employees Union to ascertain if membership in the union would further the interests of New York State physicians.

- 207** Supporting International Medical Graduates and Students
Introduced by Young Physician Section
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York oppose laws and regulations that would broadly deny entry or re-entry to the United States of persons who currently have legal visas, including permanent resident status (green card) and student visas, based on their country of origin and/or religion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York oppose policies that would broadly deny issuance of legal visas to persons based on their country of origin and/or religion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be immediately forwarded to the American Medical Association.

- 208** The Right to Health and Health Care
Introduced by Bronx County Medical Society
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

TITLE CHANGE: HEALTHCARE IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN GOOD

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) help advance the health and wellbeing of patients, including their access to medical care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) reaffirm its commitment to removing barriers to healthcare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York, (MSSNY) publicly state that healthcare is a fundamental human good.

- 209** Decision Making in Signing on to Amici and Letters/Position Statements
Introduced by Joseph R. Maldonado, Jr., MD, MSc, MBA
Immediate Past President
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY institute as policy a four-step process which aims to better protect the Society and its officers, councilors, board commissions, committees and employees from liability and misrepresentation in regards to requests for sign-ons, support, amici or public statement of positions in the following manner:

- 1) All requests for sign-ons, support, amici or public statement of positions must be submitted to the Society in writing and must include a date by which the Society must submit a response to the requesting party;
- 2) All requests which can be addressed by the House of Delegates by that date shall be the purview of the House for decision;
- 3) All requests outside of the meeting time of the House of Delegates shall be decided by the Council except where the Council is not in session in which case the Executive Committee shall have the final say as to support for such sign-ons, support, amici or public statement of position;
- 4) The President shall include in his/her report to Council at its meetings, a report of all requests made of the Society since the last Council meeting including the decision taken by Council or the Executive Committee on any such request

210 Process for Amending the AMA Code of Medical Ethics
Introduced by Jerome C. Cohen, MD, Delegate for Delaware County
Broome County Medical Society
Fifth District Branch of MSSNY
Sixth District Branch of MSSNY

NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association Bylaws be amended to reflect the following statements about the AMA Code of Medical Ethics:

- 1) The AMA Code of Medical Ethics shall be included in the Bylaws in the same manner that the AMA Principles of Medical Ethics is included;
- 2) The Bylaws shall specify the process by which the AMA Code of Medical Ethics may be altered, amended, or changed in any way;
- 3) The process for amending the AMA Code of Medical Ethics shall be that the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) would first submit a CEJA Report to the House of Delegates with proposed new language, and if the House of Delegates votes to approve the Report, then CEJA will issue a CEJA Opinion containing the same language of the Report; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York direct its AMA Delegation to submit this resolution to the AMA Annual 2017 House of Delegates meeting

211 Relocation of the Annual MSSNY HOD meeting to Albany
Introduced by Nassau County Medical Society
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the annual House of Delegates be held in Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MSSNY arrange for panel discussions, and presentations by elected officials and others to be part of the annual HOD meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that dates and timing of the meeting be coordinated with the legislative schedule in Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, that time be created during the HOD meeting to visit with legislative representatives.

212 MSSNY Representation for Nonaffiliated Groups of Physicians

Introduced by Tompkins County Medical Society
REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York seek to identify and enumerate nonaffiliated groups of physicians, e.g. Sports Medicine, Health and Wellness, Nutrition, outpatient cosmetic surgery, basic research, etc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That groups of nonaffiliated physicians be offered a dues reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That groups of nonaffiliated physicians be offered representation in the MSSNY HOD; and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY leadership consider group size as an alternative to percentage of members in establishing eligibility requirements for dues and representation.

213 Invocation at the Opening of the House of Delegates

Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York take cognizance of the teachings, beliefs and religious/philosophical postures of its members and allow both the incoming and outgoing presidents to select a noted poet, or other appropriate literary figure in lieu of a spiritual leader, to deliver a nondenominational poem or other such address as the invocation presented at the opening of the House of Delegates.

214 AMA Policy on American Health Care Act

Introduced by Paul Hamlin, MD, MSSNY Trustee
Daniel Koretz, MD, Seventh District Branch Delegate
Leah McCormack, MD, Chair, MSSNY Board of Trustees
Gregory Pinto, MD, Fourth District Branch Delegate

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY call on the AMA to engage in negotiations with the current leadership of the United States in crafting healthcare policy that is in keeping with MSSNY and AMA values; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY's delegation to the AMA bring this resolution to the AMA Annual Meeting in 2017.