Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Healthcare Facilities
*Introduced by the Committee on Preventive Medicine and Family Health*

**ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support the position that the sale of any tobacco or vaporized nicotine products be prohibited where healthcare is delivered or where prescriptions are filled; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York submit a copy of this resolution to the American Medical Association for its consideration.

NYS DOH Regulation Concerning Operating Room Attire
*Introduced by Nassau County Medical Society*

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York encourage hospitals to use evidence-based guidelines for perioperative attire and inform the physicians and staff of the policy that the hospital adopted.

Banning the Use of Gasoline Powered Leaf Blowers
*Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society*

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York call upon the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the manufacturers of the gas leaf blowers develop guidelines that would dramatically reduce the toxic emissions and noise level of gas leaf blowers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York also encourage that New York State and other governmental entities promote the use of non-polluting alternatives to gas leaf blowers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the American Medical Association for consideration at its House of Delegates.

Banning the Distribution of Plastic Carryout Bags in Retail Sales
*Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society*

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NOT ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support legislation/regulation that would prohibit the use of plastic carryout bags in retail stores.
RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York continue to support background checks for firearm purchases and advocate for firearm safety education in all settings as a component of firearm licensing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate for expansion and implementation of technologies to improve gun safety.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the American Medical Association.

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of State of New York (MSSNY) update its current policy on medication disposal to support daily access to safe, convenient, and environmentally sound medication return for unwanted prescription medications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MSSNY support such a medication disposal program be fully funded by the pharmaceutical manufacturers, including costs for collection, transport and disposal of these materials as hazardous waste; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MSSNY support changes in New York State law or regulation that would allow a program for medication recycling and disposal to occur; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York Delegation to the American Medical Association encourage the AMA to pursue the same efforts
Civil Commitment for Those Compromised by Addiction
Introducted by the Fifth and Sixth District Branch
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY study the use of involuntary commitment for treatment of addicted individuals who endanger themselves, and report to the HOD with recommendations on the use of involuntary commitment as a means of treating individuals who would otherwise not seek or comply with potentially life-saving treatment.

Education about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV
Introducted by Joshua Cohen, MD, MPH
New York County Medical Society
First District Branch
Suffolk County Medical Society
MSSNY Young Physician Section

AND

Increasing Access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV
Introducted by Joshua Cohen, MD, MPH
New York County Medical Society
First District Branch
Suffolk County Medical Society
MSSNY Young Physician Section
Queens County Medical Society

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 159 ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 159 AND RESOLUTION 160

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York continue its efforts to work with state agencies to educate physicians about the effective use of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV and the US PrEP Clinical Practice Guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York continue its advocacy work to require that all insurers cover the costs associated with the administration of PrEP and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York work with governmental officials to study the feasibility of providing PrEP free of charge to high risk individuals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the AMA for consideration at the House of Delegates.

Physician Assisted Suicide, Promoting the MSSNY Position
Introducted by Committee on Bioethics
AMENDED RESOLUTION 161 WAS NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York inform the press, the general public and governmental officials of MSSNY Policy 95.989 Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, be a little bit more
proactive in its efforts to let the public know that physicians should not participate in assisted suicide.

**RESOLVED**, That MSSNY POLICY 95.989 BE REAFFIRMED.

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162 Removing Physicians from the Assisted Suicide Debate
*Introduced by Eli Einbinder, MD, As an Individual*

**NOT ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York do its best to popularize the position that assisted suicide need not involve physicians; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York make clear that the larger, general question of assisted suicide: is one to be determined by society; **AND** be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York do its best to support and counsel member physicians who feel very proprietary about this issue.

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163 Universal Immunization of Children
*Third and Fourth District*

**REAFFIRMATION CALENDAR**

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support legislation to eliminate all nonmedical exemptions from school vaccination requirements; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York adopt the recommendations of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and its periodic updates as a basis for school entry immunization requirements; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York work with the New York State Department of Health and interested medical specialty societies to inform the public about the safety and benefit of recommended immunizations for protecting the health of individuals and the public at large.

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164 MSSNY PROMOTION OF ADULT IMMUNIZATION
*Introduced by the Committee on Infectious Diseases*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York continue its efforts to educate physicians about the importance of immunizing adults for infection prevention and public health preparedness; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Medical Society of the State of New York continue its advocacy for immunizations and work toward strengthening the adult
immunization infrastructure, improve access to adult vaccines, increase community demand for adult immunizations continue to foster innovations in adult vaccine development and technologies

Flint Michigan Water Contamination Disaster
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

AND

Water Purity and Safety in New York State
Introduced by Geoffrey E. Moore, MD, Delegate
Sheila Bushkin, MD, MPH, Delegate
Tompkins County Medical Society
Broome County Medical Society

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 165 NOT ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 165 AND RESOLUTION 166

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support the position that all public and private water supplies in New York State and throughout the country should be free from lead and other cancer causing agents and that it be safe for human and livestock consumption, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York call upon the New York State Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation to ensure that steps are taken to maintain the purity and safety of New York State’s public and ground water supply; and that

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York call upon the governor and the Legislature to enact provisions to establish a “relief fund” for future medical expenses for individuals who may be impacted by lead and other cancer causing agents in public and private water supplies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate to the American Medical Association to support similar national protections for the country’s public and private water supply; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York transmit a copy of this resolution to the AMA’s House of Delegates for its consideration.

Promoting Population Health through Primary Care
Introduced by Committee on Preventive Medicine and Family Health

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support workforce wellness programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York encourage that wellness programs connect beneficiaries to their primary care physician and include the appropriate screening services and referral for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York encourage physicians to recommend to every patient that they have a current wellness visit.

Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products
*Introduced by Zeb Tainter, MD, as an Individual*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that MSSNY support legislation to remove the sales tax on feminine hygiene products;

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York transmit a copy of this resolution to the AMA's House of Delegates for its consideration.