

2014 HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTIONS

PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION

- 150** Availability of Self-Injectable Epinephrine Devices in New York State Schools
*Introduced by New York State Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
Ninth District Branch Medical Societies*
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support legislation that requires all schools (public and private) to stock auto-injectable epinephrine devices in standardized dosage formulations and to train personnel for the administration of this medication; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the State Education Department (SED) to provide information to public and private schools about the ability for nurses and other trained individuals, to administer auto-injectable epinephrine devices to children or adults that have a severe allergic reaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York that such notification by SED includes information that these trained individuals are covered by the New York State "Good Samaritan" statute; and be further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York educate its members about physicians being authorized to issue a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse under the provisions of Article 6527 (6) of the NYS Education Law.

- 151** Dangers of Youth Football
New York County Medical Society
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York reaffirm MSSNY Policy 87.993; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York promote to its members the New York State Department of Health's "When in Doubt...Take Them Out!" sports related concussion prevention campaign and the Sports Concussion Tool Kit developed by the American Academy of Neurology.

- 152** Support of Athletic Trainer Legislation
Introduced by Ninth District Branch Medical Societies
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support efforts to encourage athletic trainers to obtain continuing educational development.

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DVT and Air Travel

Introduced by Ninth District Branch Medical Societies

Suffolk County Medical Society

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) request that the American Medical Association (AMA) encourage that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the airline industry alert passengers to the flight-associated risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT); and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY request that the AMA work with the FAA and the airline industry to provide recommendations to passengers to reduce their risk of developing DVT.

154

Protecting Public Health from Elevated Radon Exposure

Introduced by Sheila Bushkin-Bedient, MD, MPH, Saratoga County

Sandhya Malhotra, MD, Queens County

Robert Lerner, MD, Westchester County

ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support policy that limits exposure to radon and its decay products which are known to cause primary lung cancer in non-smokers and to potentiate the likelihood of lung cancer in smokers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support legislation that protects the public health by ensuring that New York State is committed to reducing sources of excess radon emissions, and monitoring radon gas exposure levels to confirm that these radon gas levels do not exceed the recommended levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Protecting Public Health from Natural Gas Infrastructure

Introduced by Sheila Bushkin-Bedient, MD, MPH, Saratoga County

Sandhya Malhotra, MD, Queens County

REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support a policy to delay activities concerning the expansion of natural gas infrastructure components until valid information is available to evaluate the process for its potential impact on human health and the environment.

156 A Resolution on Gun Violence
Introduced by Lance Austein, MD, Kings County
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTUION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York continue its efforts to seek amendments to the New York SAFE Act that would assure that only those who present a “serious and imminent danger to self or others” are reported under the act.

157 Use of CT Scans for Early Detection of Lung Cancer
*Introduced by Ninth District Branch Medical Societies
Suffolk County Medical Society*
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTUION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography for patients who meet current nationally recognized guidelines.

158 Raising the Purchase Age of All Tobacco Products in New York State
Age 21 in New York State
Introduced by New York Chapter, American College of Physicians
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York amend its existing *POLICY 300.951* to read as follows:

That the Medical Society of the State of New York support legislation to:

- a) limit the promotion of tobacco and cigar products, smokeless tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other unregulated nicotine delivery devices in the state;**
- (b) prohibit the sale of tobacco and cigar products, smokeless tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or other unregulated nicotine delivery devices to anyone under 21 years of age;**
- (c) increase the penalties for the sale of any of these products to persons under 21 years of age; and be it further**

RESOLVED, That a similar resolution be forwarded to the American Medical Association for consideration at its next meeting of the House of Delegates.

159 Raising the Legal Age to Purchase Cigarettes, Cigars and Electronic Cigarettes to
Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society
(See Resolution 158)

160 e-Cigarettes to Be Treated the Same as Tobacco Products
Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the American Medical Association to seek federal legislation that would place “e-cigarettes” and all nicotine delivery devices under the purview of the US Food and Drug Administration; and be it further

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

161 Medical Cannabis for Seriously Ill Patients
Introduced by New York County Medical Society
SUBSTITUE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) adopt as policy the following principles:

1) That the use of cannabis may have a role in treating patients who have been diagnosed with serious, debilitating illnesses, when all other treatments have failed; or when clinical trials have shown to demonstrate comparable efficacy to currently accepted treatments; and

2) That the Medical Society of the State of New York recognizes the risk of smoking cannabis and encourages the use of alternate delivery systems, and

3) That physicians who recommend cannabis for patient use, subject to the conditions set forth above, shall not be held criminally, civilly or professionally liable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support continued high quality clinical trials on the use of cannabis for medical purposes.

TITLE CHANGE: Cannabis for Seriously Ill Patients

162 Regulation of Marijuana Sale and Use in New York State
Introduced by Brian Johnson, MD, Onondaga County
NOT ADOPTED

163 Maintaining and Developing High Quality Hospice and Palliative Care
Introduced by Joseph Booth, MD, Oneida County Delegate
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York recognize that there is a shortage of physicians in geriatrics, hospice and palliative care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the American Medical Association to work with the various national medical specialty organizations to petition the American Board of Medical Specialties to develop alternative pathways to board certification for physicians with high quality experience and additional education to sit for the boards in hospice, palliative care, and in geriatric medicine; 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.

164 Proposal and Plan for Developing and Maintaining High Quality Healthcare For Older Patients in the New Millennium
Introduced by Joseph Booth, MD, Oneida County Delegate
(See Resolution 163)

165 Long Term Care-Scope of Problem
Introduced by John Ostuni, MD, Nassau County
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) urge the New York State Department of Financial Services to develop an educational program on long term health care financing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY request that the New York State Department of Financial Services promote and make this program available to all New Yorkers.

166 Medical Marijuana
Introduced by Young Physicians Section
REFERRED TO COUNCIL