



MEMORANDUM

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TO: MSSNY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: MSSNY PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION REPORT

The following is an update on various projects that fall within MSSNY's Division of Public Health and Education.

MESF/MSSNY Women Physician Leadership Grant

The Women Physicians Leadership Academy began its first session on Saturday October 21, 2024, and its second session was held on Saturday, October 28. The fall sessions will end this Saturday, November 4. Faculty for fall session included: Carladenise Edwards, PhD., Geraldine McGinty, MD, MBA, Bea Grouse, RN, JD; NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, the Hon. Deborah Glick, and the Hon. Amy Paulin; Laurie McGraw, Shamiram Feinglass, MD, MPH; and AMA Past Presidents Nancy Nielsen, MD, and Susan Bailey, MD. There have been 130 women that have participated in these sessions.

The facilitator for the fall session is Patrice Harris, MD, past president of the AMA. Curriculum for the fall session included Effective Communication (Oct. 21) Advocacy and Changemaking (Oct. 28), Women and Leadership (Nov. 4). All these sessions, which have been accredited for three hours of continuing medical education per session, will be available shortly at the MSSNY CME site: <https://cme.mssny.org/>

The spring sessions will be conducted virtually on Saturdays, March 2, March 9, and March 16, 2024. All sessions will be accredited for three hours of continuing medical education credit. The facilitator will be Julie Silver, MD, who conducts a highly acclaimed women's leadership CME course at Harvard Medical School.

The Women Physicians Leadership Academy is made possible through a grant from the Physicians Foundation. Further information may be obtained from Pat Clancy at pclancy@mssny.org or Emily Rento, Public Health Associate, at erento@mssny.org

We have provided you a view of some of the October 21 session at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jY0TvR3_iTk

Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative (VMHTI)

On Thursday, October 26th 240 physicians and healthcare providers participated in a Collaborative Teaching Day with MSSNY, Syracuse and Crouse Health on Veterans Matters. On this virtual teaching day, MSSNY presented all its programs on Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative. Faculty for the day were:

- *TBI in Returning Veterans - David Podwall, MD*
- *PTSD in Returning Veterans - Frank Dowling, MD*
- *The Special Mental Health Needs of Women Veterans - Maria Basile, MD; Assisted by Sharran Chambers-Murphy*
- *Burn Pits: Psychological and Physical Impact on Veterans - Mary Lee-Wong, MD*
- *Military Culture: Everything Physicians Need to Know About Veterans as Patients - Lt. Col. Lance Allen Wang, Adolph Meyer, MD*
- *Suicide in Veterans - John McIntyre, MD*
- *The Impact of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) on Veterans -Janine Fogarty, MD; Assisted by Sharran Chambers-Murphy*
- *Substance Use Disorders in Veterans- Thomas Madejski, MD*

Programming of the Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative is made possible by an appropriation in the state budget process. The state grant enables MSSNY to continue its physicians' training initiative for programs such as PTSD, Depression and Suicide, TBI, Military Culture, Veterans and COVID, Military Sexual Trauma, and many other programs. MSSNY partners with the New York State Psychiatric Association and the National Association of Social Workers, New York Chapter. County medical societies or member institution interested in hosting a live webinar are asked to contact Nick Hospodar, Program Coordinator, at nhospodar@mssny.org

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness and Disaster and Terrorism Response Committee

The Committee on Emergency Preparedness has launched its 2023-24 *Medical Matters* program which is held once a month on the third Wednesday. The November session will be held at 7:30 a.m., November 15, 2023, and will be "The History of Pandemics". The faculty will be Arthur Cooper, MD. *Medical Matters* are made possible due to a grant from the NYS Department of Health. This grant is now in its 21st year. *Medical Matters* will continue through June 2024. Further information may be obtained from Melissa Hoffman, Asst. Director, PHE, at mhoffman@mssny.org.

Public Health and Education Committees

All the Public Health and Education committees have met this fall and have focused mainly on the 2024 Sunset Report of policies that will be due at the 2024 House of Delegates. As per the HOD, MSSNY reviews policies that are 10 years old and makes recommendations to the HOD as to whether those policies should be affirmed, reaffirmed with modification or sunset. Dr. William Valenti, chair of MSSNY Infectious Disease Committee provided an RSV, COVID 19 and Influenza update to the Preventive Medicine and Family Health, the Infectious Disease and Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committees.