



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.

NYS Department of Health Advisory On Masking In Healthcare Facilities

On January 8, 2024, the New York State Department of Health Department recommends that all healthcare and residential facilities in NYS institute a facility-wide masking policy due to a substantial increase in cases of influenza and COVID-19. The policy should apply to all personnel while working in areas where patients/residents/clients/ may be present. "Personnel" in the context of this recommendation means all persons employed or affiliated with a healthcare or residential facility or agency, whether paid or unpaid, including but not limited to employees, members of the medical and nursing staff, contract staff, students, and volunteers. Visitors should also be encouraged to wear a mask while in the facility. A copy of the advisory is [here](#).

MESF/MSSNY Women Physician Leadership Grant

Registration is now open for the Spring 2024 session of the Women Physicians Leadership Academy on March 2, March 9th and March 16th. The facilitator for the fall session is Julie Silver, who conducts a highly acclaimed women's leadership CME course at Harvard Medical School. All sessions have been accredited for three hours of continuing medical education credits. Registration is below:

[March 2, 2024: The Importance of Networking](#)

[March 9, 2024: Enhancing Physician Wellness and Belonging](#)

[March 16, 2024: Designing Your Medical Career](#)

More information on this series can be found on the MSSNY website: [Public Health – MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ORGANIZED 1807 \(mssny.org\)](#)

The fall session for the Women Physicians Leadership Academy is now available at MSSNY CME site: <https://cme.mssny.org/> 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



2023 MSSNY Podcasts Year in Review

In 2023, The Medical Society of the State of New York created and produced **26** new podcasts on a variety of topics including the psychology of climate change, adult vaccines, and legislative affairs. Additionally, there were **1,895** downloads from **30** countries throughout the world! If you haven't had a chance to check out MSSNY's extensive podcast library, be sure to go to <https://www.buzzsprout.com/51522/share> and listen to all of the timely and topical podcasts available there. Or you can search MSSNY podcasts on your favorite podcast listening platform. Further information on the podcasts can be obtained by contacting Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org

Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative (VMHTI)

MSSNY will provide a live CME program on *Burn Pits: Psychological and Physical Impact on Veterans* during the Lake Placid district meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. Faculty will be Adolph Meyer, MD. There will also be a virtual meeting on *The Impact of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) on Veterans* at the Basset Health Care System on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The faculty will be Janine Fogarty, MD. Programming of the Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative is made possible by an appropriation in the state budget process. 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

MSSNY's third *Medical Matters* will be held on Wednesday January 24, 2024 @ 7:30am and is entitled, *Psychosocial Elements of Infectious Outbreaks: A History*. Faculty will be Craig Katz, MD, vice-chair of MSSNY's Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster and Terrorism Response. The educational objectives are:

- Outline common human reactions to infectious outbreaks
- Recognize factors that influence how people react
- Identify how to apply these historical lessons to your own medical practice

Register now

Additional information or assistance with registration may be obtained by contacting Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org. *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.

MSSNY House of Delegates CME Day

MSSNY CME Day for the 2024 House of Delegates is planned for Thursday morning, April 11, 2024. Plans are to have a *Medical Matters* and two *Veterans Matters* programs. The morning will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Public Health and Education Committees

All the Public Health and Education committees will meet for 2024 beginning in January. A copy of the schedule is [here](#).