

**FINAL ACTION REPORT**  
**Public Health & Education Reference Committee**  
**Linda Clark, MD - Chair**

**Please send proposed amendments to: mhoffman@mssny.org**

- 1. Resolution 150**    **Ensure that Medical Communications to Patients is Delivered by Electronic Messaging Vendors Email and SMS / RCS**  
*Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Kings*  
*Alex Shteynshlyuger MD*  
**REFERRED TO COUNCIL**
- 2. Resolution 151**    **Resolution Supporting the Use of Firearm Suppressors to Prevent Hearing Loss**  
*Sponsor: Robert B Young, MD*  
**REFERRED TO COUNCIL**
- 3. Resolution 152**    **Support for Universal Childhood Vaccine Purchasing in New York State**  
*Sponsor: Marisa Warren, Medical Student, 8<sup>th</sup> District*  
**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF WITH TITLE CHANGE**

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) advocate for the establishment of a statewide universal vaccine purchasing and distribution program, that provides all American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and New York Department of Health (DOH) recommended pediatric and adult vaccines to people in New York State (NYS) regardless of insurance status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders including the New York State Department of Health and specialty societies, to design a program that minimizes administrative burden on any offices that provide primary care and these vaccines, ensure continued adequate provider reimbursement for vaccine administration, and maintains vaccine choice consistent with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and NYS DOH recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) advocates that all participating sites of this statewide program be required to record all the vaccines given in the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) to minimize any duplicate delivery of vaccines.

- 4. Resolution 153**    **State Vaccine Program**  
*Sponsor: Nitin Gupta, MD*  
*Fifth and Sixth Districts*  
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**UNIVERSAL STATE VACCINE PROGRAM**

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**5. Resolution 154      **Maintaining an Evidence-Based Vaccine Schedule****

*Sponsor: Anna Heffron, MD PhD;*

*Shane Solger, MD;*

*Laila Koduri, MD MPH;*

*Resident and Fellow Section*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) supports the use of the best available scientific evidence, studies, and epidemiological data as the best basis for the United States' individualized vaccination schedule; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) will advocate for and support legislation that will broaden New York law so that required vaccine coverage and guidance are not limited solely to federal recommendations, but also permit state-based guidance grounded in evidence-based vaccination schedules as recommended by nonpartisan national medical and public health organizations.

**6. Resolution 155      **Strengthening Vaccine Education Across Medical Specialties****

*Sponsor: Suffolk County Medical Society*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) support and promote comprehensive, evidence-based education on vaccine science, current immunization recommendations, and effective communication about vaccines for all physician specialties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) Council shall charge the Committees on Infectious Disease and Continuing Medical Education to develop and implement enhanced physician education initiatives addressing vaccines effectiveness and vaccine hesitancy , provide a progress report to Council within six months, and present a comprehensive update to the House of Delegates within one year, with this effort designated as a priority for action and implementation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) and American Medical Association (AMA) encourage integration of vaccine education into continuing medical education (CME) offerings and specialty training programs, and advocate at the state and national level for consistent, science-grounded immunization guidance and resources to assist clinicians across all specialties in providing high-quality vaccine counseling and implementation emphasizing clinicians' role in recommending vaccines and addressing vaccine hesitancy among patients.

**7. Resolution 156      **Guiding Principles of Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response; Support for the World Health Organization Pandemic Agreement****

*Sponsor: Charles Lopresto, DO, OMSS Councilor*

*MSSNY Young Physician's Section*

*MSSNY Infectious Disease Committee*

## **AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED that the Medical Society of the State of New York support and adopt the following Articles of the World Health Organization Pandemic Agreement as our framework for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response:

- Article 4, Pandemic prevention and surveillance;
- Article 5, One Health approach for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response;
- Article 6, Preparedness, readiness and health system resilience;
- Article 7, Health and care workforce;
- Article 8, Regulatory systems strengthening;
- Article 9, Research and development;
- Article 10, Sustainable and geographically diversified local production;
- Article 11, Transfer of technology and cooperation on related know-how for the production of - pandemic-related health products;
- Article 12, Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing Systems;
- Article 13, Supply chain and logistics;
- Article 14, Procurement and distribution;
- Article 15, Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches;
- Article 16, Communication and public awareness;
- Article 17, International cooperation and support for implementation;
- Article 18, Sustainable financing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY forward the above Resolution for adoption at the American Medical Association 2026 Annual Meeting.

### **8. Resolution 157     Regulating Convenience Store and Gas Dispensaries**

*Sponsor: Richmond County Medical Society*

*Lance Austein, MD*

*Medical Society of the County of Kings*

**ADOPTED**

### **9. Resolution 158     Expansion of Drug-Checking Test Strips to Include Xylazine Detection**

*Sponsor: Nassau County Medical Society*

**ADOPTED**

### **9. Resolution 159     Healthcare Policy and Advocacy Training for Physicians in Medical School and Residency Training**

*Sponsor: Medical Society County of Kings*

*Donald Martinelli, MD*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that The Medical Society of The State of New York (MSSNY) work with policy makers to incorporate healthcare policy and advocacy training into the curricula of medical schools and residency training of young training physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Medical Society of The State of New York (MSSNY) encourage medical schools and residency programs to provide experiential learning opportunities—such as participation in MSSNY advocacy events, legislative visits, and policy workshops—to prepare future physicians for effective engagement in healthcare policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Medical Society of The State of New York (MSSNY) reaffirm that physicians should be empowered through education and advocacy training to protect the integrity of the medical profession and the welfare of the patients they serve.

**10. Resolution 160 Establishing Competency-Based Postgraduate Training Requirements for Physician Licensure**

*Sponsor: Salman J Khan, MD & Caleb C. Atkins, MD*

*Young Physician Section*

*Resident/Fellow Section*

*International Medical Graduates Section*

*Fifth and Sixth Districts*

**ADOPTED**

**11. Resolution 161 Limiting Artificial Intelligence in Residency Application Screening**

*Sponsor: Nassau County Medical Society*

**REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

**12. Resolution 162 Restoring a Strong Presumption of Release for Pregnant Individuals in ICE Custody**

*Sponsor: Medical Society of the County of Erie*

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) supports policies and legislation ensuring uninterrupted access to comprehensive, evidence-based prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care consistent with community standards of obstetric and pediatric practice, and for all pregnant persons and their newborns in immigration custody, regardless of immigration status; and be it further

**13. Resolution 163 Clinical Trial for Use of Puberty Blockers in Management of Gender Dysphoria in Children**

*Sponsor: Arthur Fougner, MD*

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF WITH TITLE CHANGE**

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) affirms that Gender affirming healthcare (GAHC) includes social, medical and surgical GAHC with a shared decision-making process involving the physician, patient and legal guardians, and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY calls for continued research including clinical trials regarding the evidence of the effectiveness of puberty blockers (GnRH analogs) on transgender and non-binary youth, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) calls for the restoration of previously allocated federal, state and institutional funding for pediatric gender clinics, puberty blocker research protocols, and supportive mental health services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) will forward this item to the American Medical Association for consideration and action on a national level.

**14. Resolution 164 Gender Surgery for Children and Adolescents**

*Sponsor: Scot Bradley Glasberg, MD*

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