

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:44 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Dean Imbrogno, M.D.; Eric Luckage,; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Debra Parker, Pharm.D.; Deborah Lange, R.Ph.; David Ballinger, P.A.-C.; and Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker, Sallie Debolt and Kay Rieve.

Guests: Joseph Russell, M.D., Anderson Cosmetic & Vein Institute

I. Review of the August 11, 2009 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the August 11, 2009 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Dr. Talmage seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of Special Services Plan applications

The committee began the meeting by discussing the application from **Anderson Cosmetic & Vein Institute** that is requesting approval of: Cosmetic facial injection Botulinum toxin.

The committee acknowledged the presence of Dr. Joseph Russell from the Anderson Cosmetic & Vein Institute and asked him to educate them on the use of Botox for cosmetic purposes.

Dr. Russell indicated that based on some of the procedures that physician assistant(s) are able to perform under Section 4730.09 O.R.C. Botox injections are not dangerous and that adverse reactions are very rare. He further stated that these are low risk procedures that PA's in other states are performing. It was also stated that in southern Ohio dentists, oral surgeons and ophthalmologists are performing these injections. Dr. Russell indicated that these are low doses of Botox and not lethal. The possible adverse reactions would be droopy eyebrow and or eyelids, and dry eyes. He has never seen anaphylactic shock as a result of these injections. Any adverse reactions would last about 3 months however the Botox would be gone from the body in about 4-6 hours. The effects of the injection would last about 3 months and then the patient would need to be re-injected. Dr. Russell stated that there are a lot of training courses available to the PA's. His PA has a lot of training in performing sclerotherapy and is very adept in the use of needles. The ability of PA's to perform these injections would free up the physician(s) to perform other procedures. The physician would always be available in the event of adverse reactions or if the PA has questions.

Mr. Ballinger stated that he felt that this is a very good training program with adequate supervision. Dr. Talmage requested that Dr. Russell submit more literature to the committee regarding these injections to include fillers so that he could better educate the physician assistant committee. Dr. Russell agreed to gather information regarding these injections to include information on toxicity and PA's in other states and the complication rates associated with them. The committee also noted that Botox could not be prescribed by the PA.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending the receipt of this information. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the application from **Anderson Cosmetic & Vein Institute** that is requesting approval of: Cosmetic facial injection of soft tissue fillers.

Dr. Russell told the committee that fillers are not permanent and disappear after time. He stated that there are at least 6 different types of fillers and some are softer than others. He further stated that he has only seen one allergic reaction to this type of injection. The biggest danger of fillers is that the patient does not like the outcome. These fillers are temporary and they disappear. Dr. Imbrogno requested that Dr. Russell submit a list of fillers to include their risks and side affects. There was also discussion as to how these fillers fit into the formulary and whether or not PA's could prescribe these.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending receipt of the above information and research into the formulary of these products. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then considered the application from **Blanchard Valley Women's Care** that is requesting approval for physician assistant(s) to perform: Colposcopy.

Dr. Talmage stated that these are being performed by nurse practitioners and nurse midwives and a lot of these procedures are being done unnecessarily. They should only be done if there is a change in the patient's pap test.

The committee agreed that the decision that this procedure is to be done must be made by the physician. This application has a paragraph that indicates that the PA would be making the decision based on the pelvic exam and the pap test results.

The committee has requested that this group remove this paragraph and replace it with a statement from the supervising physician that he/she will make all decisions as to which patients need to have a colposcopy performed.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending receipt of the above amendment to the application. Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Formulary Review.

The committee had received an inquiry from Nancy Soloda, PA-C requesting to be allowed to prescribe Adderall and Xyrem. The committee noted that Adderall is a schedule II medication and it is prohibited by statute for a physician assistant to prescribe. The committee is tasked to review the formulary rule once a year and will address Xyrem at the next review of the formulary rule. They requested that staff send a letter to Miss Soloda informing her of these decisions.

The next request came from Joseanne Pagel, PA-C. The letter points out that in section 15 of the PA formulary there are still references to APN's. The committee recognized these oversights and have removed all language in section 15 that refers to APN'S ordering blood and oxygen products.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday October 13, 2009.

I hereby attest that these are true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on October 13, 2009.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

Copies of documents and/or materials referenced in the minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting are available at the Board offices.