

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:50 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Committee members present: Lance Talmage, M.D.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; Anquetette Sloan, Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C, John Jonesco, D.O., Eugene Imbrogno, MD, Amie Rinaldi, P.A.-C

Staff members present: Thomas Dilling and Kay Rieve.

I. Review of August 12, 2004 Minutes.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the August 12, 2004 Physician Assistant Policy Committee minutes. Dr. Talmage seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of supplemental utilization plans

The committee began the meeting by discussing the supplemental utilization plan application from **OSU Hematology/Oncology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Bone Marrow aspiration of the posterior iliac crest.

Dr. Talmage noted that this procedure has been approved for 100% direct supervision, but has been denied in the past due to supervision issues. Tom wanted to make a point of clarification that the Board has not been in favor of some procedures being done on a pediatric population, and that the group should clarify whether the procedure was going to be performed on an adult or a pediatric population.

Ms. Rinaldi also noted that the list of additional facilities included JamesCare at Stoneridge and JamesCare Kenny Road. The application indicated that the procedure was being requested in the hospital setting, and these facilities appeared to be outpatient facilities.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this request with the Physician Assistant observing 25 procedures and the physician observing the P.A. in 25 procedures, with 100% direct supervision on an adult patient population, with clarification of the two JamesCare outpatient sites. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **OSU Hematology/Oncology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Lumbar Punctures

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this request with the Physician Assistant observing 25 procedures and the physician observing the P.A. in 25 procedures, with 100% direct supervision on an adult patient population, with clarification of the two JamesCare outpatient sites. Ms. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **OSU Hematology/Oncology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Bone Marrow biopsy of the posterior iliac crest.

Mr. Zaayer moved to approve this request with the Physician Assistant observing 25 procedures and the physician observing the P.A. in 25 procedures, with 100% direct supervision on an adult patient population, and clarification of the JamesCare additional sites. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan applications from **Indiana/Ohio Heart** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for the following functions: Vein and Artery Harvesting

The committee noted that these procedures have previously been approved and that it was within the ability of PA's to perform these procedures. Ms. Rinaldi noted that there was a possible typographical error on page 27, where it states the PA would observe 20 procedures instead of 25.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application with the PA observing 25 procedures, and the physician observing 40 procedures as outlined in the cover letter of the application. Ms. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then reviewed the application from **Capitol City Cardiology** that is requesting that their PA's be approved for Non-invasive Cardiovascular studies.

The committee noted that the application was not clear on what procedures were actually going to be performed. The application refers to non-pharmacological procedures, but it does list "pharmacological stress testing" as part of the didactic content taught to the P.A.

Mr. Talmage moved to table this application to obtain clarification on which actual procedures are to be performed by the P.A. Ms. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then reviewed the application from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** requesting that their P.A.'s be approved for Knee Joint injections.

The committee noted that the material sent by the group refers to using Hyalgan and Synvisc therapy. Dr. Jonesco said he felt aspiration of the knee is not a problem, but injection procedures are more difficult, especially with Hyalgan and Synvisc.

After discussion, the committee felt that if the group would modify their supplemental request to indicate they would only allow the P.A. to inject corticosteroids, and remove the reference to Hyalgan and Synvisc, they would be in favor of approving the request.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application to ask the group to modify the request for corticosteroids only. Dr. Jonesco seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the correspondence in the agenda, and the status of Senate Bill 147.

Dr. Dilling gave a brief history of what happened in the days before the bill was to be voted on, and the concerns that the Board had about how to clarify some parts of the legislation so the Board could actually understand and administer it. Mr. Zaayer reported that an amendment introduced by the Nurses is what ultimately led to the bill's demise. Mr. Dilling said that he hoped that the bill could be reworked and clarified, and that it should be reintroduced in the next session of the General Assembly.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

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 December 9, 2004.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

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