

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 10, 2005

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:55 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2005.

Committee members present: Lance Talmage, M.D.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C, and Amie Rinaldi, P.A.-C

Staff members present: Thomas Dilling, Diann Thompson, Shannon Baldwin, Cathy Hacker and Kay Rieve.

I. Review of December 9, 2004 Minutes.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the December 9, 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 **Capital City Cardiology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: noninvasive cardiovascular studies to include pharmacological stress testing.

The committee noted that a similar application from Cardiology Inc. had previously been denied for pharmacological stress testing as it was felt that this type of test was an invasive procedure and would not fall under the rule that would allow noninvasive cardiovascular testing. Cardiology Inc.'s application went through the hearing process and it was noted in the hearing process that the performance of pharmacological stress testing was not an invasive procedure and therefore was approved as long as the physician see and evaluate each patient prior to the test being performed.

The committee requested that Capital City Cardiology amend their application to reflect that the cardiologist would see and evaluate each patient prior to the test being performed.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this request with the above amendment. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Pro Scan Reading Services** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Contrast Administration monitoring.

The committee noted that this was a diagnostic procedure that requires feedback from the physician. This procedure also has the possibility for an allergic reaction that could result in anaphylactic shock.

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this request for the above reason. Ms. Rinaldi seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Pro Scan Reading Services** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: x-ray spine study preview for physician review.

The committee felt that PA's do not have enough training to read x-rays independent of the physician and the committee was unclear as to who was overseeing the second read of these films. There was a conversation about the possibility that these films would be teleradiologied to a radiologist that may not be licensed in this state to practice medicine.

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this request Ms. Rinaldi seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Dilling spoke briefly with the committee regarding the pending PA legislation.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2005.

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 February 10, 2005.

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.