

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

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

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker and Kay Rieve.

*I. Review of February 10, 2005 Minutes.*

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the February 10, 2005 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 **Samaritan Professional Corporation** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: new patient and new condition with offsite supervision.

The committee noted that this was prohibited by Statute 4730.21(D).

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Center Urology Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Urodynamic studies.

The committee noted that this procedure has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Center Urology Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: biofeedback.

The committee stated that this procedure is actually performed by the patient. The only involvement that the PA would have would be to verify that the light on the machine lit up.

The committee agreed that this function does not require a supplemental utilization plan.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Center Urology Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: post void residual.

The committee noted that this procedure is safe to perform and the training education and supervision outlined in the application was sufficient.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Heart Center @ Akron Children's Hospital** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that this procedure has been approved several times.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Heart Center @ Akron Children's Hospital** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: removal of temporary pacer wires.

The committee noted that this procedure has been approved several times.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: MP & IP Finger Joint Injections and CMC Thumb Joint Injections.

The committee felt that these were appropriate for PA's to perform as these are non weight bearing joints and the training and education as outlined was adequate.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve these 2 applications. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: intrarticular ankle injections.

Dr. Imbrogno felt that this was a difficult joint to inject due to its size, however, he felt that the level of training and supervision that is outlined in this application made it safe for PA's to perform.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. Ms. Rinaldi and Mr. Zaayer voted aye. Mrs. Sloan and Dr. Talmage voted nay. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: knee joint injections.

The committee noted that the Board continues to deny this function, however, the committee feels that this is a function that is safe for PA's to perform.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve this application. Ms. Rinaldi seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: wrist aspirations and injections.

The committee stated that they wanted the staff to send a letter to this group to request the number of these procedures that this group performs each year and to include a list of complications and difficulties associates with this procedures.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Morton Neuroma injection into the foot.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure that is actually injected into the webspace of the foot.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Ms. Rinaldi seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: ganglion wrist aspiration.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure that is not involving a joint and would be appropriate for PA's to perform.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: elbow aspirations/injections into the olecranon-bursa.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure that is not involving a joint and would be appropriate for PA's to perform.

Ms. Rinaldi moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: acromio-clavicular shoulder joint injection.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure and has been approved by the Board in the past.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: subacromial shoulder joint injection.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure and has been approved by the Board in the past.

Ms. Rinaldi moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: medial, lateral and epicondylitis elbow injections.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure and appropriate for PA's to perform.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Dr. Talmage seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: trigger finger injections.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure and appropriate for PA's to perform.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Ms. Rinaldi seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: hip injections.

The committee noted that this is a safe procedure that this is actually being injected into the bursa and does not involve a joint.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Ms. Rinaldi seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: arthrocentesis of the knee.

The committee noted that the Board continues to deny this function, however, the committee feels that this is a function that is safe for PA's to perform.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: aspiration of the knee.

The committee noted that this is the same procedure as arthrocentesis of the knee.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: finger and toe subungual hematoma evacuation.

The committee stated that this was a simple procedure and within the abilities of a PA.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: toe nail trimming and ingrown nail removal.

The committee stated that these were simple procedures and within the abilities of a PA.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: foot injections for plantar fasciitis.

The committee stated that these were simple procedures and within the abilities of a PA.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Dr. Imbrogno seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: dequervain injection into the wrist.

The committee stated that these were simple procedures and within the abilities of a PA.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Reconstructive Orthopaedics, Inc** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: cervical/thoracic/lumbar/perispinal triggerpoint injections.

The committee stated that these were simple procedures and within the abilities of a PA.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, March 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 March 10, 2005.

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Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C  
Chair

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