

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

Committee members present: Lance Talmage, M.D.; Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C; Anquetette Sloan,; David Keseg, M.D.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C, and Thomas Parish, P.A.-C.

Staff members present: Thomas Dilling, Cathy Hacker, and Kay Rieve.

Guests: Julie Dorrian and Terrance O'Donnell-Bricker and Eckler

I. Review of January 9, 2003 Minutes

Dr. Talmage moved to approve the January 9, 2003 Physician Assistant Policy Committee minutes. Dr. Keseg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of physician assistant supplemental utilization plans

The committee began the meeting by discussing the supplemental utilization plan application from **Children's Hospital** that is requesting to add five physicians to a supplemental utilization plan for the performance of bone marrow biopsy and bone marrow aspirations that was previously approved by the Board at the August 2002 Board meeting.

The committee noted that this group was previously approved for this function and that they were requesting to add new physicians to the approved functions.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Michalski Orthopedic Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform: arthrocentesis of the knee.

It was noted that this committee previously approved this function for another group, however, the function was denied at the Board level.

Mr. Zaayer noted that it appeared that the committee members that sit on both committees seem to have changed their vote on this issue once it reached the Boards PA committee. Dr. Talmage reminded the committee that as the Chairperson of the Boards PA committee he did not have a vote. Mrs. Sloan explained to the committee that she votes according to the information that she receives at the PA committee.

Mr. Zaayer requested that if the PA committee proposes to deny an application that the application be brought back to the PAPC level to re-discuss it before taking it to the full Board. Dr. Talmage concurred.

Dr. Talmage recommended to approve this application with the amendment that the physician will see and evaluate the knee prior to the arthrocentesis. Dr. Keseg seconded. All member voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Sloan who voted nay. The motion carried

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Michalski Orthopedic Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform: injection of the knee.

Dr. Talmage recommended to approve this application with the amendment that the physician will see and evaluate the knee prior to the injection. Dr. Keseg seconded. All member voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Sloan who voted nay. The motion carried.

III. Discussion of proposed PA legislation

Mr. Dilling informed the committee members that he and some of the staff had met on a few occasions with the law firm that is representing the PA's with respect to the pending legislation. Mr. Dilling stated that these changes would be legislative changes that he didn't think that the Board would support just as they didn't support the changes to the advanced practice nurses legislation. He further stated that the Board would make a quality of care argument to support their ideas. Mr. Dilling felt that this legislation would pass just as the APN legislation had passed. Mr. Dilling informed the committee that despite legislation or anything else, one of the Boards written goals for 2003 was to streamline the PA process. Mr. Dilling thanked the committee members for their participation and input. Mr. Zaayer assured the committee that the PA legislation was not advocating independent practice for the PA's. Mr. Zaayer stated that regardless of the degree that the PA was awarded the education process was exactly the same. The core 27 month medical training is exactly the same no matter whether the degree is an associates a bachelors, masters etc... He feels that the Board needs to understand that all schools are accredited through the same institutions and meet the same requirements and therefore every PA has the same basic instruction regardless of the degree received.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

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 April 1, 2003.

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.