

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

Committee members present: Lance Talmage, M.D.; Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C, Tom Parish, PA-C; John Jonesco, D.O.; and Anquetette Sloan.

Staff members present: Shannon Baldwin, Cindy Dennison, Cathy Hacker, and Kay Rieve.

*I. Review of February 12, 2004 Minutes.*

Dr. Talmage moved to approve the February 12, 2004 Physician Assistant Policy Committee minutes. Mrs. Sloan 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 **University Internal Medicine** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform Paracentesis.

The committee noted that this was a procedure that could result in multiple complications and felt that it was beyond the scope of practice for a physician assistant. Mr. Parish disagreed with the other members.

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this application, due to the complexity of the procedure. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye, with the exception of Mr. Parish. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Far Oaks Orthopedists** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: shoulder injections.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision were adequate and that the shoulder joint was a much easier joint to perform injection than others.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve this request. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of Swan Ganz catheter.

The committee noted that this procedure was similar to the insertion of arterial lines that the Board has previously approved for PA's to perform. Dr. Jonesco felt that this was a risky procedure and stated that he no longer performs this procedure. The committee requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Greer requesting that he amend this application to reflect 100% direct supervision and that the doctor would observe the PA in performing 25 procedures after the PA had observed the supervising physician in performing 25 procedures to determine competency.

Mr. Parish moved to approve this application with the above amendments. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye, except Dr. Jonesco. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision that the Board had previously approved for this function.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of radial arterial lines.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision that the Board had previously approved for this function.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of chest tubes.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision that the Board had previously approved for this function.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: endotracheal intubation.

The committee requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Greer requesting that he amend this application to reflect that the doctor would observe the PA in performing 25 procedures after the PA had observed the supervising physician in performing 25 procedures to determine competency.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application 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 **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insert central venous catheter.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision that the Board had previously approved for this function.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: remove Swan Ganz catheter.

The committee noted that the application had the training, education and supervision that the Board had previously approved for this function.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve this application. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: remove intra aortic balloon pump.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insert intra aortic balloon pump.

The committee noted that this is a small surgical procedure and is prohibited by Statute.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Stephen Greer, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: vein and artery harvesting as part of cardiovascular surgery, using open or endoscopic techniques.

The committee requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Greer requesting that he amend this application to reflect 100% direct supervision.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application with the above amendment. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Fairfield Medical Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: emergency insertion of chest tube.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Fairfield Medical Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of intra aortic balloon pump.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve this application. Mr. Parish seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Fairfield Medical Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of temporary pacer wires.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

Mr. Bowen 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 **Fairfield Medical Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: vein and artery harvesting.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Fairfield Medical Center** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Gregory Keagy, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: vein and artery harvesting.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Gregory Keagy, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Gregory Keagy, D.O.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: removal of temporary pacer wires.

The committee noted that the training, education and supervision were adequate and that this function has previously been approved by the Board.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve this application. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Cleveland Clinic Department of Neonatology** that are requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of CV catheter, insert chest tubes, endotracheal intubation, insertion of arterial lines, remove chest tubes, and lumbar puncture.

The committee discussed these functions with Joseanne Pagel, PA-C from the Cleveland Clinic at length. Ms. Pagel indicated that the PA that is currently employed in this position has completed a residency in Neonatology. The committee informed Ms. Pagel that the approval of these functions would be for any PA that ever worked under this utilization plan. The committee requested that all of these applications be amended to reflect the Neonatology residency for any and all PA'S in this department before they would be allowed to perform these procedures if they are approved. The committee requested that the group send a copy of the content of that residency training.

The committee also requested that a letter be sent to these physicians inviting them to the next available meeting to discuss these applications with them.

Dr. Talmage moved to table these applications pending receipt of the amendment and a copy of the residency training curriculum. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Cleveland Clinic Department of Orthopedic Surgery** that are requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: arthrocentesis of the knee and injection into the knee joint for both traumatic and arthritic effusions of the knee.

The committee recognized that these procedures have been denied previously by the Board. The committee stated that they would be willing to approve these applications and invite the physicians from this group to attend the next available PA committee. The committee requested that a letter be sent to these physicians requiring that they bring with them QA studies for these procedures to the June, 2004 PA committee.

Mr. Parish moved to approve these applications with the above invitation to the physicians of this group. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Cleveland Clinic Department of Brain Tumor Institute** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: lumbar puncture.

The committee requested that this group amend this application to state that this procedure would only be performed on adults.

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

The committee ended the meeting with the discussion of the supplemental utilization plan application from **Eliot Mostow M.D.** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: laser hair removal.

It was noted that the Board has previously approved this procedure with the understanding that the physician would supervise the first treatment. The

committee requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Mostow to request that he amend the application to reflect this change.

Mr. Parish moved to approve this application with the above amendment. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 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 May 13, 2004.

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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.