

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

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

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker.

Guests: Lisa Taylor, PA-C

I. Review of April 14, 2005 Minutes.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the April 14, 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 **Freiberg Orthopaedic Group** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: injection of corticosteroid into ganglion cysts of the wrists.

It was noted that this application had been tabled at the last meeting pending clarification of the effectiveness of these injections. After review of the newly submitted information the committee agreed that that this procedure was within the ability of the PA's to perform.

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 **Blanchard Valley Women's Care** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: endometrial biopsy.

Dr. Talmage stated that this procedure was very safe and appropriate for PA's to perform provided that this would be an endometrial aspiration biopsy.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Radiology Associates of Canton** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: paracentesis.

The committee stated that this procedure has a high level of complications and should be performed by a physician.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Radiology Associates of Canton** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: thoracentesis.

The committee stated that this procedure has a high level of complications and should be performed by a physician.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: removal of Swan Ganz catheters.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

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 **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: insertion of radial arterial lines.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: change tracheostomy, 72 hours after placement.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

Mrs. Sloan 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 **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: emergency insertion of chest tubes.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

Dr. Talmage to approve this application. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **University Hospital Burn Surgery** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: insertion of central venous catheters.

The committee noted that this was a safe procedure for PA's to perform and that it had been approved by the Board on several occasions.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Joyesh Raj MD** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Botox injections.

The committee stated that there was not enough information in this application to make a decision at this time. The committee asked that the staff send a letter to Dr. Raj and request that he amend this application to indicate that he will see each patient immediately prior to the injections. The committee also requested that the physician amend the application to reflect that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing no less than 30 procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing no less than 30 procedures to determine competency. The committee also requested that the physician submit a statement as to who was making the decision that this patient needed this injection and the dose

size of the injection. The committee also requested that the physician send literature on non physicians performing this injection.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending the above information. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Joyesh Raj MD** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: Restylane injections.

The committee stated that there was not enough information in this application to make a decision at this time. The committee asked that the staff send a letter to Dr. Raj and request that he amend this application to indicate that he will see each patient immediately prior to the injections. The committee also requested that the physician amend the application to reflect that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing no less than 30 procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing no less than 30 procedures to determine competency. The committee also requested that the physician submit a statement as to who was making the decision that this patient needed this injection and the dose size of the injection. The committee also requested that the physician send literature on non physicians performing this injection.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending the above information. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Joyesh Raj MD** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved for: sclerotherapy.

The committee noted that this procedure has been approved several times in the past with similar training and supervision.

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

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 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 May 19, 2005.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

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