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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES July 11, 2002

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:45 A.M. on Thursday, July 11, 2002.

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

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker.

I. Review of June 13, 2002 Minutes

Dr. Talmage moved to approve the June 13, 2002 Physician Assistant Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Bowen 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(s) from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that are requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform: evacuation of blood clots from the bladder and removal of retained balloon catheter.

Dr. Talmage stated that after reviewing these applications it was unclear as to who was observing whom in these applications. The committee recommended revising the supplemental utilization plan to as specifically how many procedures the PA would observe the physician doing and then how many procedures the physician would observe the PA performing to determine competency. The committee further requested that the supplemental application be revised to request specifically where these functions would be performed, for example: hospital, office, etc...

Dr. Talmage stated that he would recommend tabling these applications pending receipt of clarification from the group of the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. It was further noted that there is a varying degree of expertise and skill in performing all of the functions that this group has requested and would therefore require different number of observed procedures. The committee recommended for these two procedures that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing five of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing five of these procedures to determine competency.

Dr. Talmage moved to table these applications pending receipt of the above clarification. Dr. Keseg seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform detorsion of testis.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. Dr. Talmage further noted that he was not certain as to who would be administering the conscious sedation. Dr. Keseg stated that he felt that this procedure was usually an emergency situation and wanted to know under what circumstances would the PA be performing this function, i.e., emergency setting, office setting etc...

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform suprapubic nephrostomy catheter change.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing five of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing twenty of these procedures to determine competency. The committee further asked that the physician clarify as how long the catheter has been placed prior to the physician assistant be allowed to change.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform insertion and removal of viadur implant.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then

the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing three of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing ten of these procedures to determine competency.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform water induced thermotherapy for treatment of enlarged prostate.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing five of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing five of these procedures to determine competency. The committee stated that they were unsure as to the water temperature that would be used. The application state that it would be 60 degrees, however, it did not specify if that was centigrade or Fahrenheit.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform detumescense of priaprism and ultrasound guided needle biopsy of prostate.

The committee noted that this was a surgical procedure that would require sedation. They further noted that it came with significant risks and complications.

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this application due to it being a surgical procedure and that it requires sedation. Dr. Keseg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform ultrasound guided needle biopsy of prostate.

The committee noted that this was a surgical procedure that has significant risks and complications.

Dr. Keseg moved to deny this application due to it being a surgical procedure and that it requires sedation. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform Urodynamic studies utilizing 100% onsite supervision as opposed the 100% direct supervision as required in the rules..

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing ten of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing twenty of these procedures to determine competency. The committee further requested that this group amend this application to reflect the 100% direct supervision as the rule requires.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this pending receipt of the above clarifications. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform microwave thermotherapy for benign prostatic hyperplasia.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that again they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee requested that we ask this group to send literature regarding this procedure to educate them on this procedure, or invite this group to the next meeting to discuss this. They were unclear as to whether this was a therapeutic procedure or a surgical procedure due to the list of complications that was sent. The committee further noted that this would require anesthesia and they would need clarification of who would be administering the sedation/anesthesia.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending receipt of more detailed information or a request to appear from this group as well as clarification of the number of physician and physician assistant observed procedures. Dr. Keseg seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Fireland Regional Medical Center, Surgeons (Dr. DeRiso and Dr. Caron)** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform vein and artery harvesting.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing ten of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing twenty five of these procedures to determine competency.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application pending receipt of the requested clarification. Mrs. Sloan seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Fireland Regional Medical Center, Surgeons (Dr. DeRiso)** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform chest tube removal.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing five of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing twenty five of these procedures to determine competency.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve this application pending receipt of the requested clarification. Mrs. Sloan seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried

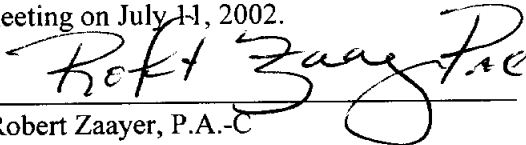
The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Ohio Family Practice Centers** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform application of light based medical devices for hair removal.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that they were unable to determine who was observing whom and that they would like the group to clarify the number of procedures that the PA would observe the physician performing and then the number of procedures that the physician would observe the PA in performing to determine competency. The committee recommended for this procedure that the physician assistant would observe the physician in performing five of these procedures and then the physician would observe the physician assistant in performing twenty five of these procedures to determine competency.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve this application pending receipt of the requested clarification. Mr. Zaayer seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 A.M. on Thursday, July 11, 2002.

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 July 11, 2002.



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.