

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

Committee members present: Eugene Imbrogno, M.D.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Anquetette Sloan, Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; and Kevin Mitchell, R.Ph.

Staff members present: Kay Rieve, Cathy Hacker, Karry Thacker and Sallie Debolt.

Guests: Terrence O'Donnell, and Beth Adamson

I. Review of the June 12, 2007 minutes.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the June 12, 2007 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of Special Services plan applications.

The committee began the meeting by discussing the special services plan application from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that requested approval for their physician assistants to perform the following injections: intra & extra articular injection of the hip, ankle, shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand and extra articular injection of the foot.

Dr. Talmage stated that extra articular injections are a safe and relatively simple injection to perform and moved to approve all the extra articular injections. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the request from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that is requesting approval for their physician assistants to perform intra articular injection into the hip joint. Mr. Zaayer noted that this injection requires a fairly high degree of expertise to perform without causing neurological or vascular damage. Dr. Talmage agreed and asked why this group was asking for such a high level (50%) of direct supervision. If the physician was going to be utilizing this level of supervision why was he/she not performing the injection?

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

The committee then discussed the request from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that requested approval for their physician assistants to perform intra articular injection into the ankle joint.

The committee had questions related to how many of these injections would be done in this practice per year because if this group is only performing 10 injections per year it could take five years for them to obtain the training period referenced in this application. The committee also had the same questions regarding the need for direct supervision and if the physician is in the room observing 50% of the time why not just do the injection.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending clarification as to the number of these injections that are performed in this practice per year and how long would it take for the PA to observe the physician in performing the 25 procedures and then the physician observing the PA in performing 25 procedures as well as clarification of the level of supervision. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the request from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that requested approval for their physician assistants to perform intra articular injection into the elbow.

The committee had questions as to how many of these injections would be done in this practice per year because if this group is only performing 10 injections per year it could take five years for them to obtain the training period referenced in this application. The committee also had the same questions regarding the need for direct supervision and if the physician is in the room observing 50% of the time why not just do the injection.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending clarification as to the number of these injections that are performed in this practice per year and how long would it take for the PA to observe the physician in performing the 25 procedures and then the physician observing the PA in performing 25 procedures as well as clarification of the level of supervision. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the request from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that requested approval for their physician assistants to perform intra articular injection into the wrist and hand.

The committee discussed and felt that these injections were more common with little or no complications.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve intra articular injections into the hands and wrists. Dr. Imbrogno seconded the motion. All members voted aye the motion carried.

The committee then discussed the request from **Orthopedic Associates of Southwestern Ohio** that requested approval for their physician assistants to perform intra articular injection into the shoulder.

The committee noted that this type of request had previously been approved for the subacromial shoulder only.

Dr. Imbrogno moved to approve this application with the amendment that it will be for the subacromial shoulder only. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion all members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Review of revised proposed rules and comments from public rules hearing

The committee reviewed the changes that were made to the Chapter 1 & 2 rules at the last meeting.

4730-2-02(A)(1):

The committee requested that Ms. Debolt replace one of the “exercise physiology” with “medical sciences”.

4730-2-02(E)(1):

The committee noted the (d) had been erroneously dropped from the rule and requested that it be re-added.

4730-2-06(F):

The committee requested that this rule be amended to read: in order for a physician assistant to prescribe a combination medication, each component drug must be listed as “CTP holder may prescribe” or the combination medication itself must be listed as “CTP holder may prescribe” on the formulary.

4730-1-06(G)(2):

The committee requested that language be added to this rule that would notify the applicant that an application is complete with the exception of any investigation that is pending.

Mr. Bowen moved to approve all revised rules. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Discussion of the draft physician assistant formulary.

Mr. O'Donnell explained to the committee that the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants had some concerns with certain items as listed on the current draft formulary.

The first item was with the category placement of genito urinary agents. Mr. Zaayer explained that genito urinary agents are different than genito urinary anti infectives and that the committee had discussed these items and these are categorized in the manner the PAPC felt was appropriate.

The OAPA also had questions as to why Arixtra was under the "may not prescribe" category. It was explained that the FDA had a black box warning regarding this medication and the possibility for hematoma complication during surgery for patients taking this medication, was the basis for being placed in the "may not prescribe category".

There was also concern with the prohibition on prescribing androgens. It was explained that these are sex hormones and that members of the committee had concerns regarding the high risk of abuse.

It was noted that under the "SSRI" category it was blank. The committee noted that this was just an oversight and that this should be under the "CTP holder may prescribe" category.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday July 10, 2007.

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 10, 2007.

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.

