

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2002**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:55 A.M. on Thursday, August 15, 2002.

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

Staff members present: Cathy Hacker, and Kay Rieve.

Guests: James Nelson, M.D.

***I. Review of July 11, 2002 Minutes***

Dr. Keseg moved to approve the July 11, 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.

The committee thanked Dr. Nelson for attending the meeting to address their concerns regarding all of his applications.

The committee noted that this group had amended the original application to reflect the changes that were requested at the July 2002 meeting.

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 **Buckeye Urology & Andrology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform detorsion of testis.

Dr. Nelson assured the committee that the physician assistant would never order or administer the sedation that is required to perform this function. He further noted that this function would be something that the PA would perform if the emergency room

physicians called and requested their help or in the rare event that the patient would come to the office.

Dr. Keseg move to approve this application pending receipt of a written statement from the above group that the PA would not order or administer sedation. Mr. Bowen 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 removal of retained balloon catheter.

The committee asked to Dr. Nelson to amend this application to reflect that he would observe the PA in performing 5 procedures and that the PA would observe the physician(s) in performing 5 procedures to determine competency. Dr. Nelson stated that the problem was that they may only see one of these a year. He further stated that the risks in this procedure was very low.

The committee recommended that Dr. Nelson not allow the PA to perform this function if the PA would need to use the 21 gauge needle technique and that he would observe the PA in performing no less than 3 of the angiographic guide wire technique to determine competency. Dr. Nelson agreed.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve this application with a written statement from the group that the PA would not use the 21 gauge needle method and that the physician would observe the PA in performing no less than 3 angiographic guide wire techniques to determine competency. Mrs. Sloan seconded. All member 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 and Dr. Nelson discussed the need for the physician to change the first time and that the PA would only change catheters that had been in place no less than 30 days. Dr. Nelson stated that the physicians would change any of these that had blockage or on patients that have kidney stones. The committee stated that the physician observing the PA in performing 3 of these procedures and the PA observing the physician in performing 3 procedures would be adequate. Dr. Nelson stated that this was a nursing procedure, however, in residency they were taught that the physician change it the first time and that after 6-8 weeks that patients would need to have it changed again.

Mr. Keseg moved to approve this application pending receipt of a written statement from the group that the would not allow the PA to change any catheter that had been in place for less than 30 days. 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 insertion and removal of viadur implant.

Dr. Nelson stated that he has performed 2 of these in 25 years and that it would take a very long time to observe 10 procedures. He further stated that if this procedure became popular that they may be able to perform 10 in a year between himself and his partner. These are about the size of the Norplant capsules and is an alternative to the 3 month Depo Lupron or Zoldex injections for prostate cancer treatment.

Dr. Talmage moved to approved this application with the physician observing the PA in performing 5 procedures and the PA observing the physician in performing 3 procedures to determine competency. Mr. Bowen 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.

Mr. Zaayer noted that this group has amended the application so that the PA would observe the physician in performing 5 of these procedures and that the physician would observe the PA in performing 5 of these procedures to determine competency and that they had clarified that the water temperature would be 60 degrees centigrade.

Dr. Nelson noted that this would be a one time, 40 minute, procedure where you circulate hot water through a foley catheter to shrink the prostate and that not all patients would be candidates for this procedure.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application. 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 Urodynamic studies.

Dr. Nelson advised the committee that the physicians in this group do not perform these procedures. They are performed by nurses and are interpreted by the physicians. The committee recommended that the PA observe 10 procedures and then the PA be observed in performing 10 procedures to determine competency and then the physician would review 10 cases. Dr. Nelson stated that the physicians are always onsite when these procedures are being performed and agreed to the 10 and 10 observed procedures.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve this application pending receipt of the above clarifications. Mr. Bowen 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 microwave thermotherapy for benign prostatic hyperplasia.

Dr. Nelson stated that this procedure was a little more tricky than the water induced thermotherapy in that there is a screen that needs to be watched to observe the temperature in the rectum and the balloon that is heating the tissue and that this requires a little more expertise. He further stated that it is a 40 minute procedure that requires the physician to observe the patient and the monitor. This is an automated procedure, the machine is automatically set and self calibrated.

The committee recommended that the physician observe the PA in performing 5 of these procedures and that the PA observe the physician in performing 5 of these procedures to determine competency. Dr. Nelson agreed.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve this application pending the above amendment. Mr. Bowen 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 of filliform and follower catheters.

Dr. Nelson advised the group that they may perform 3 of these procedures in a month, 20 or 30 per year for all 3 physicians in the practice.

The committee recommended that the PA observe the physician in performing no less than 5 procedures and that the physician observe the PA in performing no less than 15 procedures to determine competency. Dr. Nelson agreed.

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

Dr. Nelson left the meeting at this time.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Marietta Health Care Systems** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform diagnostic arthrocentesis.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that the rule specifies arthrocentesis of the knee and that this request as written would require at least 2 applications, one for each joint that they would like to perform this function. The committee also requested that this group be more specific about their levels of

supervision and under what circumstance they would be utilizing what level of supervision.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application and request that this group resubmit on separate applications. Mrs. Sloan seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Marietta Health Care Systems** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform nail excision.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that this was within the ability of a physician assistant and that the number of observed procedures was adequate.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Marietta Health Care Systems** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform cryotherapy.

The committee noted that this procedure has been approved before and requested that the group amend this application to reflect that the PA would observe the physician in performing 10 procedures and the physician would observe the PA in performing no less than 25 procedures to determine competency. The committee would also recommend that the physician would identify the lesions prior to the procedure being performed.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Marietta Health Care Systems** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform shave biopsy.

The committee reviewed this application and noted that this function had previously been denied by the Board due to it being a surgical procedure.

Dr. Keseg moved to deny this application due to this being a surgical procedure. Dr. Talmage seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Tristate Urogynecology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform Urodynamics.

It was noted that this group has previously approved for this function and that they were just adding another physician to the already approved supplemental.

Dr. Keseg moved to approve the addition of the new physician to the already approved supplemental utilization plan. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform removal of intra aortic balloon pumps.

Dr. Talmage stated that he would recuse himself from voting on this group as they are part of Toledo Hospital.

The committee noted that this application was equivalent to the applications that have been previously approved.

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 **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform removal of chest tubes.

The committee noted that this application was equivalent to the applications that have been previously approved.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform vein and artery harvesting.

The committee noted that this application was equivalent to the applications that have been previously approved.

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 **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform removal of temporary pacing wires.

The committee noted that this application was equivalent to the applications that have been previously approved.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform removal of swan ganz catheter.

The committee noted that this application was equivalent to the applications that have been previously approved.

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

The committee then discussed the supplemental application from **Cardiothoracic Surgeons for Northwest Ohio** that is requesting that their PA(s) be allowed to perform insertion of arterial lines.

It was noted that the Board had just approved three groups at the August Board meeting for this procedure and that this group is asking for the same levels of supervision and observed procedures.

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

The PA Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 A.M.. on Thursday, August 15, 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 August 15, 2002.

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Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C  
Chair

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