

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

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

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

Guests: Beth Adamson, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Physician Assistants

***I. Review of the February 10, 2009 minutes.***

Dr. Talmage moved to approve the February 10, 2009 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 application from **Women's Health Specialists at Wheeling Hospital** that is requesting approval of: insertion and removal of Implanon devices.

After a short discussion it was noted that Chapter 4730.09(19) and (26) O.R.C. allows for the removal of Norplant devices and the insertion of family planning devices. Dr. Talmage stated that the Implanon device is actually easier to insert and remove than the Norplant devices that are no longer available. It was further stated that in order to insert and remove the Implanon devices the practitioner must attend a training class offered by Implanon.

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

***III. Formulary Review.***

The committee had received an inquiry via email as to whether or not PA's can prescribe codeine cough medicine. The matter was put before the committee to discuss as there was conflict as to whether this falls under a Schedule II medication.

Due to the fact that neither of the Pharmacist members were able to attend this meeting and the committee had questions that they needed to ask of these members the committee decided to table this matter until the next available meeting.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this matter. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday May 12, 2009.

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 12, 2009.

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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.