

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Eric Luckage,; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Debra Parker, Pharm.D.; Deborah Lange, R.Ph.; David Ballinger, P.A.-C.; Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; and Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.

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

I. Review of the March 12, 2009 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Dr. Talmage 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 **Orthopaedic Surgeons, Inc.** that is requesting approval of: subacromial injections of the shoulder.

The committee reviewed the application and the material that was submitted by this group and was in agreement that this is a safe procedure for the physician assistant(s) to perform and that it had been approved by the Board in the past.

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

The committee began the meeting by discussing the applications from **Dermatology & Laser Surgery Center** that is requesting approval of: cryotherapy, Excisions of benign nevi, and cysts and electrodesiccation and/or curettage.

The committee recognized that the staff had sent a letter to this group requesting that this application be amended to reflect 100% onsite supervision which is the level of supervision which has been approved in the past for these types of procedures.

After reviewing the response received from Dr. Palmer regarding the request for 100% onsite supervision the committee had further concerns as to who was making the decision that these lesions needed to be removed. The committee has recommended that the staff write a letter to Dr. Palmer and ask him to amend this application to reflect that he will see and evaluate each lesion to be removed prior to the lesion being removed by the PA. If the physician were to see and evaluate the lesion and make the determination that it needs to be removed then the PA could

remove it at a later date with the 25% offsite supervision. The committee requested that this letter be signed by Dr. Talmage.

Dr. Talmage moved to table this application pending the above amendments. Dr. Jonesco 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.

It was discussed that there are two types of codeine. One is codeine sulphate and is a schedule II medication that the PA's cannot prescribe. The other is codeine phosphate and is not a schedule II medication. It was stated that the codeine phosphate is the ingredient in the codeine cough medicine and that would allow the PA's to prescribe this medication.

It was then recommended to change the heading in the formulary of section 5 to read: (5) Central Nervous System Agents: Narcotic analgesic combinations, including mixtures with codeine phosphate: DEA Registration Required.

Ms. Parker moved to approve this language. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Bowen then moved to send the amended formulary to Group 2 Committee the full Board for approval. Ms. Lange seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday August 11, 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 August 11, 2009.

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.