

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday October 13, 2015.

Committee members present: Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; James Fry, PA-C; Robert Zaayer, PA-C; Kim Routh, D.O.; Curtis Gingrich, M.D.; Irina Petty, PA-C; Donald Roberts; Megan Marchal, PharmD; and Megan Keller, PharmD.

Staff members present: Sallie Debolt, Michael Miller, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, OAPA; Cheryl Kuck, Ohio State Society Medical Assistants (OSSMA); Aimee Wicker, OSSMA

I. Review of the September 8, 2015 minutes:

Mr. Fry asked for a correction to be made to add the potential for abuse of Phenergan with codeine cough medicine to the formulary section of the minutes.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting as amended. Mr. Fry seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review requests to change the formulary

The committee discussed the request from Mr. Estridge and Dr. Luciano to change the formulary to allow PA's to order 2 mg of a thrombolytic agent for the purpose of breaking clots in a PICC Lines or central catheters. It was noted that this was discussed at the PA/Scope of Practice committee meeting in September and Dr. Sethi requested that language be added to say that the PA must be cautious when using for patients with known VSD or ASD.

Dr. Gingrich moved to add this medication to the PI category with a warning that the practitioner needs to be aware of the risks of using this with patients with known VSD or ASD. Dr. Routh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then considered the request from a drug representative to add Entresto to the formulary. It was noted that this is a new drug to the market that has black box warnings for pregnant women. The committee felt that this medication was not new to the market and wanted to make a decision at this time. It was also requested that the committee not be presented requests to change the formulary from drug representatives. They stated that changes to the formulary should only come from PA's and Physicians.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to not consider changes to the formulary from drug representatives. Ms. Keller seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the fact that Compazine is only one antiemetic medication listed on the formulary. It was noted that there are concerns regarding the potential for abuse of Phenergan when used in conjunction with narcotic cough medicines. The committee added the category of antiemetics to the formulary and put them in the CTP may prescribe category.

Mr. Fry moved to approve the formulary as amended. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. New business

Mr. Miller informed the committee that the Board will be soon implementing a new computer system that will require all applications to be submitted online through the new system. This will help to standardize the applications and the internal review process. The applications for the license and the prescribing will become one application and one license. He further stated that with this new legislation that staff is working on a system that would be a webform submitted online for the supervision agreements. He noted that this is still a work in progress and no final decisions have been made.

Ms. Debolt gave handouts to the committee regarding draft rule changes. She stated that her recommendation would be to rescind certain rules and replace them with guidance documents. This would make it easier to make changes should the need arise. The committee will revisit these issues at their next meeting.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Fry at approximately 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

I hereby attest that these are the true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on September 8, 2015.

James Fry, PA-C, Chair, PAPC