

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:39 p.m. on Tuesday April 7, 2015.

Committee members present: Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; Teresa Ash, Pharm.D.; Ron Routh, D.O.; Margaret Huwer, Pharm.D.; Curtis Gingrich, M.D.; James Fry, PA-C; and Robert Zaayer, PA-C.

Staff members present: Sallie Debolt, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, OAPA

I. Review of the March 10, 2015 minutes:

Mr. Fry began the meeting by asking the members if anyone had comments on the minutes. Ms. Hacker told the members that there was a handout of the latest draft of the minutes due to requests for changes.

Mr. Zaayer moved to approve minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting as amended. Dr. Gingrich seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Specials services applications review

The committee discussed the special services applications from Eastside Dermatology that is requesting approval for PA's to perform UVB therapy of psoriasis. It was noted that this procedure is prohibited by the light based medical device rules section 4731-18.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to deny this application as it is prohibited by rule 4731-18. Mr. Zaayer seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Formulary review

The committee discussed the various multiple sclerosis medications that are available. It was noted that immunomodulators are in the CTP may not prescribe category. The committee added Ampyra to the formulary as a CTP may not prescribe. Its benefit is that the medication allows a patient to walk one half feet per second faster than without the medication however it has a high risk for increased seizures even in patients that do not currently have seizures.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to put Ampyra into the CTP may not prescribe category. Ms. Ash seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to create a subclass for multiple sclerosis drugs on the formulary. Mr. Zaayer seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee agreed to change the classification for Lemtrada. Lemtrada is a monoclonal antibody with the potential for severe anaphylactic reactions and was moved to the CTP may not prescribe category.

Ms. Huwer moved to change Lemtrada from the PI category to the CTP may not prescribe category. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed two new types of insulin to the market, Afrezza and Toujeo. It was noted that Toujeo is a higher concentration of the already approved Lantis. Lantis is currently on the formulary as CTP may prescribe and Toujeo would fall into the same category. It was discussed that Afrezza is an inhaled insulin that could potentially pose a decrease in pulmonary function. It was recommended that Afrezza be put into the PI category for this reason.

Ms. Ash moved to add Afrezza to the PI category due to the potential for pulmonary issues. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed the medication Duopa. It was noted that this medication is used for patients with advanced Parkinsons disease and it is infused over a 16 hour period with a peg-j tube. The committee recommended that Duopa be put into the PI category.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to add Duopa to the PI category. Ms. Ash seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. New business

It was noted that the OAPA is to submit names for replacing Mr. Zedaker whose term is expiring in May 2015. Mr. Fry asked if the Board had received any candidates for the public member's replacement. Ms. Debolt stated that she would look into this.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Fry at approximately 2:17 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 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 April 7, 2015.

James Fry, PA-C, Chair, PAPC