

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

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

Staff members present: Diann Thompson, Kay Rieve, Sallie DeBolt, and Cathy Hacker.

I. Review of the January 12, 2006 Minutes.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the January 12, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of supplemental utilization plans

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **Youngstown Orthopaedic Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: elbow joint injections, hand injections, shoulder aspirations and shoulder joint injections.

The committee discussed the need to obtain standardized information from an orthopaedic physician or group of orthopaedic physicians regarding the training and education that is needed for the physician assistant to be able to perform these injections. Once we have obtained this information the committee could then use that information to create a standard PA utilization plan for Orthopaedic groups that would include these injections and possible eliminate the need for these supplementals.

Dr. Talmage moved to table these applications pending the standardization of these applications. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Frederick C. Smith Clinic** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: incise and drain abscess.

The committee noted that this procedure had been approved in the past and so long as this application was only requesting the incision and drainage of cutaneous abscess only it would be appropriate.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve this application for the incision and drainage of cutaneous abscess only. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All member voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Frederick C. Smith Clinic** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of central venous lines.

The committee noted that this procedure had been approved in the past. This function would be appropriate so long as this application was only requesting insertion into the subclavian and external jugular only.

Dr. Jonesco moved to approve this application with the clarification that the PA would only insert central venous lines into the subclavian and external jugular only. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Mid Ohio Dermatology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: acne surgery.

The committee noted that this procedure has previously been approved for comedo removal only.

Dr. Jonesco moved to approve this application pending clarification that the PA would only be performing milia and comedo removal. Dr. Talmage seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Mid Ohio Dermatology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: cryotherapy.

The committee noted that the application states that the physician will see and evaluate, and diagnose each lesion prior to the PA performing cryotherapy

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

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Mid Ohio Dermatology** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: laser hair removal.

The committee noted that this procedure has been approved on several occasions. The committee recommended that the approval letter reflect that the approval of this application is subject to compliance with 4731-18 Ohio Administrative Code, (O.A.C).

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

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Hans Zwart M.D. & Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of central venous lines.

The committee noted that this application is in line with the training education and supervision that has previously been approved for this function.

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

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Hans Zwart M.D. & Associates** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: insertion of radial arterial lines.

The committee noted that this application is in line with the training education and supervision that has previously been approved for this function.

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

The committee discussed the supplemental utilization plan application from **The Far Oaks Orthopedists** that is requesting that their PA(s) be approved to perform: knn joint injections and arthrocentesis of the knee.

The committee noted that these applications are in line with the consent agreements that were approved for the Cleveland Clinic and Dr. Michalski for the same procedures

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

II. Discussion of pending legislation.

The committee discussed sections 4730.34 through 4730.50 of Sub. S. B. 154.

Ms. Thompson outlined the upcoming duties of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee.

To summarize, the PAPC has six months after the effective date of the bill to submit initial recommendations regarding physician-delegated prescriptive authority, to include the following:

Policy and procedures regarding physician-delegated prescriptive authority, including the issuance of certificates to prescribe;

Formulary of drugs and devices;

Any issue the committee considers necessary to assist the board in fulfilling its duty to adopt rules.

Ms. Thompson noted that one issue that needs to be better defined is the term “clinical relevance to the practice of physician assistants” when determining the acceptance of a Masters degree under Section 4730.46(B)(1)(b). Ms. Thompson stated that rule defining acceptable Ph.D programs for physicians to qualify for an exemption of the 7 year exam limit and the cosmetic therapy continuing education rules may give the committee a starting place. Mr. Zaayer further stated that he would contact the American Association of Physician Assistants to get a list of all Physician Assistant Masters programs, to include their content to help in determining whether they would be acceptable.

The committee also discussed the need to contact orthopedic and dermatology associations or group practices for assistance in creating model standard physician assistant supervisory plans for those specialties. Such model standard specialty plans would alleviate the need for some of the office based special services requests in the future. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Zaayer both stated that they would contact these groups to obtain input.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday February 7, 2006.

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 February 7, 2006.

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.