

MARYLAND BOARD PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
MBP Board Room, Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:**

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

ABSENT:

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously approved the November 3, 2021, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS AN POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Dudzic made the committee aware that the "Special Session" would be starting soon and that changes would be made to the PA statute. Anything done by PA's would be in the "General Provisions Section". Additionally, a Bill is being introduced that changes who has the authority to perform Primary Supervising Physician inspections for dispensing.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on November 17, 2021, the Board accepted all recommendations that the Committee made at its November 3, 2021, Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Julie Catlin, PA-C/Jay M. Barnett, M.D., request to perform:

- *Chemical Peels*
- *Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions*
- *Lesion Injections*
- *Destruction of Lesions*
- *Excimer (X-Trac) Laser*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve all of the requested advanced duties with the exception of "Destruction of Lesions". After having reviewed the additional information provided by Dr. Barnett, the Committee determined that the "Destruction of Lesions using liquid nitrogen and electrodesiccation is a core duty.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Clifford G. Amos, PA-C/Jay M. Barnett, M.D., request to perform:

- *Biopsy*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Capstack, the Committee unanimously voted to table its decision concerning this addendum pending its receipt and review of Dr. Barnett's answer to the following question:

- In what manner are the biopsies being performed?

Maria Linda Andrzejewski, PA-C/Howard Neil Robinson, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botulinum Toxin A/B Injections*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Capstack, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Margaret Joyce Fox, PA-C/Elizabeth S. Kimmitt, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox Injections*
- *Restylane Injections*
- *Radiesse Injections*
- *Kybella Injections*
- *Laser*
- *Dermal Fillers*

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On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Mary Katherine Guay, PA-C/ Carol Ann Huff, M.D., request to perform:

- *Bone Marrow Aspirate and Biopsy*
- *Lumbar Puncture*
- *Administration of Intrathecal Chemotherapy*
- *Ommaya Reservoir Access*
- *Bone Marrow Harvests (for Adults and Adolescents Age 13 and above)*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Rebecca Anne Mahony, PA-C/ Savyasachi C. Thakkar, M.D., request to perform:

- *Joint Injections (Knee)*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Kerry A. Martin, PA-C/ Shobha Sikka, M.D., request to perform:

- *Colposcopy*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Maria Teresa Mercado, PA-C/ Mayer Gorbaty, M.D., request to perform:

- *Bone Marrow Aspiration and Biopsy*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Vanessa Morales Rodriguez, PA-C/ Teresa Muns, D.O., request to perform:

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Victoria Starner, PA-C/ Amita Jha, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*
- *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting*
- *Psychotherapy*
- *Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions*

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On a motion made by Dr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve this addendum as “Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions , and Behavioral Interventions (which is inclusive of Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment, Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders, Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting and Psychotherapy.”

Julia Ann VanHassent, PA-C/Jeffrey Gelfand, M.D., request to perform:

- *Joint Injections – Knee, Trochanteric Bursa Shoulder*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

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Addendum for Advanced Duties

Lea Barker, PA-C/Glen Silas, M.D., request to perform:

- *IUD Insertion and Removal*
- *Nexplanon Insertion and Removal*
- *Biopsy (Endometrial)*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Elisabeth B. Cooper, PA-C/Levan Atanelov, M.D., request to perform:

- *Cortisone Joint Injection for Pain Management , Increased Mobility*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board with the specification that the advanced duty be approved as “Cortisone Joint Injection for Pain Management, Increased Mobility, Knee, Shoulder”.

Mary Elizabeth Furda, PA-C/Daniel P. Hexter, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox Therapy for Migraine*
- *Sphrenopalatine Ganglion Nerve Block*
- *Occipital Nerve Block*
- *Trigeminal Nerve Block*
- *Trigger Point Injections*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Tara J. Mahan, PA-C/Anup A. Vora, M.D., request to perform:

- *Flexible Cystoscopy – Therapeutic Cystoscopy for Placement of Foley Catheters and Urethral Structures*

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On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File
Rhonda Deanes-Allied Health Analyst Lead