

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT VIA  
ZOOM:**

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., William W. Ashley, M.D.,  
FAANS, Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT  
VIA ZOOM:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Timothy Capstack, M.D. FACP, Deborah  
Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Brittany Winborne, Compliance Analyst Associate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved  
the November 2, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on November 16, 2022, the Board accepted all  
of the recommendations that the Committee made at its November 2, 2022 meeting, concerning  
addendums for advanced duties.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Addendums for Advanced Duties**

*Jacob M. Aja, PA-C/Robert S. Berger, M.D., request to perform:*

- Excision and Repair of Benign Lesions

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 with the specification that the Excision and Repair of Benign Lesions be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck to the Board.

*Shajeen U. Akther, PA-C/Daniel P. Markmann, M.D. request to perform:*

- Fillers
- QWO (Collagen Injections)
- Intense Pulse Light (IPL Non-Ablative Laser)
- Laser Hair Removal
- Bodytite (RF Body Contouring)

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.

*Matthew S. Brawn, PA-C/Harpal Khanuja, M.D., request to perform:*

- Skeletal Traction Pin Placement – Lower Extremity

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

*Alexzandra Kristyna Briedis, PA-C/Elizabeth S. Kimmitt, M.D., request to perform:*

- Botulinum Toxin (A/B) Injections
- Microneedling with and without Platelet Rich Plasma Application
- Dermal Fillers

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.

*Janina Williamette Bukowski, PA-C/Allison Sarah Brandt, M.D., request to perform:*

- Conduct Psychiatric History and Physicals
- Interpret and Evaluate Psychiatric Patient Data
- Prescribe and Monitor Psychotropic Medications
- Provide Brief Focused Therapy
- Perform Psychiatric Assessments

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

*Maria Victoria Laserna, PA-C/Hyland Cronin, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Interalesional Injections*
- *Skin Excisions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck*
- *Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck*

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

*Roshnee Pennington, PA-C/Seema Pai, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy and Interpretation of Findings*
- *Flexible Fiberoptic Nasal Endoscopy and Interpretation of Findings*
- *Cerumen Removal under Binocular Microscopy Examination of Ears*
- *Interpretation of Imaging (CT), MRI) for Neck, Temporal Bones and Sinuses*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of all advanced procedures to the Board with the exception of “Cerumen Removal under Binocular Microscopy Examination of Ears” and “Interpretation of Imaging (CT, MRI) for Neck, Temporal Bones and Sinuses,” which is considered core duties.

*Megan Pocius, PA-C/Robert S. Berger, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Methotrexate Injection of Malignant Lesions*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to table its ruling on this addendum pending its receipt and review of the following:

1. A written letter from Dr. Berger with answers to the following questions:
  - Is the “Methotrexate Injection for Malignant Lesions” associated with Ms. Pocius’s (or the PA’s) performance of a biopsy?
  - Does the PA (Ms. Pocius) decide/determine who qualifies for this injection, or does the physician make that decision/determination?

*Wilson C. Robinson, PA-C/Raymond K. Young, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Cardiac Stress Testing*

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.

## **WALK-INS**

*Vanessa de Assis, PA-C/Blaine Kristo, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Cystoscopy*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to table its ruling on this addendum pending its receipt and review of the following:

1. A written letter from Dr. Kristo with answers to the following questions:
  - Is this procedure being done for diagnostic surveillance or for the purpose of placing catheters?
  - Will Ms. de Assis be performing this procedure independently, or in the presence of a physician as an assistant?
2. If Ms. de Assis will be performing the Cystoscopy independently, provide the following:
  - A procedure log documenting Ms. de Assis's performance of at least 10 Cystoscopies performed under Dr. Kristo's direct supervision. .
  - Verification of any/all additional education and training that Ms. de Assis has had that prepared her to perform Cystoscopies.

*Jenna Leigh Lichtenberg, PA-C/Shobha Sikka, M.D. requests to perform;*

- *Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation*

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.

*Jessie Elizabeth Mallalieu, PA-C/ Jared Emerson Mallalieu, D.O., request to perform:*

- *Neurotoxin Injections*
- *Dermal Fillers*
- *Fractionated Resurfacing*
- *Laser Hair Removal*
- *Laser Treatment of Brown Pigment & Tattoo Removal*
- *Treatment of Vascular Lesions*
- *Collagen Building Procedures*

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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4: 44 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Signature on file*

Rhonda Deanes – Lead Allied Health Analyst