

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
MBP Board Room, Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Anthony Raneri, M.D., Chair, Lee Schwab, M.D., Thomas Walsh, M.D., Natalie Orbach, PA-C, George Sobieralski, PA-C, Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst, Michelle Harrison, Allied Health Analyst, Shelley Taylor-Barnes, Allied Health Analyst, Cheryl Green, Licensure Analyst Associate, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Wynee Hawk, Policy/Legislation Manager

STAFF ABSENT: Rhonda Deans, Licensure Analyst Associate

GUESTS: Mark F. McKinnon, DHSc, PA-C President, Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Raneri called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Schwab and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (Committee) approved the May 3, 2017 Open Meeting minutes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Wynee Hawk, Policy/Legislation Manager

Physician Assistant (PA) Endoscopic Vein Harvesting (EVH) and Declaratory Ruling 2005-1

Ms. Hawk presented the Committee with a copy of Declaratory Ruling (DR) 2005-1, which allows an unlicensed surgical assistant (SA) to perform vein harvesting under certain conditions. She also presented a copy of an email the Board received from a physician assistant (PA) expressing a concern that unlicensed SAs (who are lesser trained) are able to perform vein harvesting, whereas PAs require Board approval via what he considers a lengthy approval process. Currently the Board considers endoscopic vein harvesting (EVH) an advanced duty for a PA. "Advanced duties," as defined in Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.32.03.02, are "medical acts that require additional training beyond the basic physician assistant education program required for licensure."

Ms. Hawk petitioned the Committee for a recommendation as to whether the Board should continue to consider EVH as an advanced duty for a PA or remove EVH as an advanced duty for a PA.

Following an in-depth discussion, the Committee recommended that the Board continue to consider EVH as an advanced duty for PAs, as the procedure falls under the definition of "Advanced duties". The Committee also recommended that the Board revisit DR 2005-1 as it relates to the authority given to surgical assistants to perform EVH.

Proposed Regulations: COMAR 10.32.03.07 Supervising Physicians

Ms. Hawk presented the Committee with a proposed amendment to COMAR 10.32.03.07. The amendment modifies the PA delegation agreement documentation requirements for alternate supervising physicians.

COMAR 10.32.03.07A(1)(d)(i) allows a list of alternate supervising physicians to be maintained at hospitals, correctional facilities, detentions centers, or public health facilities. COMAR 10.32.03.07A(1)(d)(ii) requires the primary supervising physician to designate alternate supervising physicians on the delegation agreement sent to the Board. The proposed amendment broadens the regulations to allow primary supervising physicians to make the list of alternate supervising physicians available upon Board request at any practice setting.

The Committee agreed with the proposed amendments and recommended submitting them to the Board for approval.

Proposed Regulations: COMAR 10.32.03.03.09D Continuing Education

Ms. Hawk presented the Committee with proposed amendments to COMAR 10.32.03.09D. Current continuing medical education regulations allow NCCPA certification to be used to document compliance with CE requirements. The proposed language deletes the option to use NCCPA certification as evidence of CE compliance because the NCCPA does not require physician assistants to earn CE credits on pharmacology topics. The deletion of the language allowing NCCPA certification to be used for CE compliance will eliminate confusion and clarify that the CE requirement is at least 50 hours of continuing education consisting of a minimum of 8 hours of Category 1 education on pharmacology topics.

The Committee agreed with the proposed amendments and recommended submitting them to the Board for approval.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT – David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Advanced Procedures List (Consolidation)

The Committee reviewed the Advanced Procedures List. They categorized the advanced procedures by specialty and identified the duplicated procedures listed under different names. Board staff will compose a draft of the final list to present to the Committee for review and recommendation to Board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums

James Brennan, Jr., PA-C/Stephen Selinger, M.D. request to perform:

- *Lumbar Puncture*

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

Sarah N. Faith (formerly Yost), PA-C/Rehan Waheed, D.O. request to perform;

- *Intra-Articular Injections*
- *Aspiration/Arthrocentesis*

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

Benjamin Farkas, PA-C/Jennifer Cooper, M.D. request to perform:

- *Laser Treatment of benign vascular lesions, benign pigmented lesions, benign cutaneous lesions, mild to moderate inflammatory acne/rosacea, facial rejuvenation*

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

Mindy Haenn, PA-C/Michael Fiocco, M.D. request to perform:

- *Arterial Cannulation (Femoral Approach)*
- *Arterial Cannulation (Radial Approach)*
- *Central Venous Catheter Insertion (Femoral & Subclavian)*
- *Chest Tube Insertion*
- *Removal of IABP*
- *Pulmonary Artery Catheterization*
- *Open & Endoscopic Vein Harvesting*
- *Venous Cut-Down*

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

Bradford Houck, PA-C/Mark Gonze, M.D. request to perform:

- *Hyperbaric Medicine Therapy*

The Committee unanimously voted to table its review of this addendum pending its receipt of and review of a statement from Dr. Gonze or Mr. Houck specifying the proximity of the Physician Assistant to the patient in the chamber during the performance of the procedure. *Christopher Lindauer, PA-C/Ritu Bhambhani, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Joint Injections - Knee*

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

Virginia T. Lobach, PA-C/Devinder Singh, M.D. request to perform:

- *Nipple Areolar Complex Tattooing*
- *Botox Injections*
- *Wrinkle Filler Injections*

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

Chelsea Rebholz, PA-C/Kelvin Hong, M.D. request to perform:

- *Paracentesis*
- *Insertion of Hemodialysis Catheter*
- *Lumbar Puncture*

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

Kathleen Skillin, PA-C/Steve Behram, M.D. request to perform:

- *Hysteroscopy*
- *Diagnostic Dilatation and Curettage (D&C)*
- *Suction Dilatation and Curettage (D&C)*

The Committee unanimously voted to table its review of this addendum pending its receipt and review of Dr. Behram's answer to the following question:

"Are any of the requested procedures performed for termination of pregnancy and if not, what are the indications for the procedure?"

Nathan Toth, PA-C/Ali Tabrizchi, M.D. request to perform:

- *Pharmacologic Cardiac Stress Testing*
- *Exercise Stress Testing*

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

Neihl Adam Williamson, PA-C/Richard Joseph Mason, M.D. request to perform:

- *Joint Injections, Arthrocentesis (Joint Aspiration) - Knee*

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

Jacob Yates, PA-C/Kelvin Hong, M.D. request to perform:

- *Aspiration - Thoracentesis*

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

Walk-In Addendums

Timothy J. Criscuolo, PA-C/James M. Brown, M.D. request to perform:

- *Saphenous Vein Harvesting – Endoscopic*
- *Saphenous Vein Harvesting – Open*
- *Venous Cut-Down*

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

Tingting Niu, PA-C/Francis Chuidian, M.D. request to perform:

- *Central Line Placement*
- *Endotracheal Intubation*

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

Yvette Roane, PA-C/William Tham, M.D. request to perform:

- *Trigger Joint Injections (Trapezius, Lumbar Paraspinals, Piriformis)*
- *Joint Injections (Hip Bursa, Shoulder, Knee)*

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board. Ms. Orbach recused herself from voting on this addendum request.

Inquiries

(1) Is Intracavernosal Injections an advanced duty?

The Committee unanimously agreed that this procedure is a core duty.

(2) Can Physician Assistants place temporary pacemaker wires?

The Committee agreed that this procedure should be considered an advanced duty.

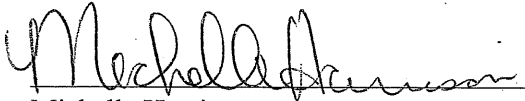
On a motion made by Dr. Schwab and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Committee voted to go into the Closed Session of the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Norris, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Harrison", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle Harrison
Allied Health Analyst