

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

**Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology,
and Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
MBP Board Room, Room 100
4:00 p.m. via Zoom**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

VIA

ZOOM: Jason K. Lee, RRA(RT)(R)(CT), Chair, Denise R. Gooch, MD, MHA, Olive Smith-Peart, MS, R.T.(R)(M)(ARRT), Ruth Bell, MBA, R.T.(T), Aaron T. Scott, MIS, CNMT, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS, Anna Jeffers, Consumer Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Manager, Allied Health, Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board Counsel, Madeline DelGreco, Health Policy Analyst, Christa C. Sutton, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst, Phyllis Washington, Lead Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Philipose G. Mulugeta, M.D., Sabir M. Taj, M.D., Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen D. Smith, Deputy Director, Matt Dudzic, Manager, Policy/Legislative

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Gooch and seconded by Mr. Scott, the Committee unanimously approved the July 19, 2023, Open Meeting minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Ms. DelGreco discussed the proposed language for amendments to COMAR 10.32.10, which included:

- Changing “radiologist” to “radiologist or radiation oncologist” in certain areas;
- Moving swallowing study, from 10.32.10.11(E) to 10.32.10.11(C);
- Moving fistulogram and port injection from 10.32.10.11(E) to 10.32.10.11(D);
- Moving “cystogram and voiding cystourethrogram” and “nasoenteric and oroenteric feeding tube placement” from subsection D to subsection C of COMAR 10.32.10.11; and

- Clarifying the scope of practice of radiation therapists to assist with the preparation and administration of unsealed radiopharmaceuticals and sealed radiopharmaceuticals for brachytherapy.

On a motion made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Peart, the Committee unanimously voted to send the draft language to the Board for approval and then for posting on the Board's website for public comment.

The Committee also discussed amending the regulations to remove the JRCERT/JRCNMT accreditation requirement for educational programs. Ms. DelGreco will present the proposed language at the next meeting, and the Board staff will provide the Committee with minutes from the September 16, 2020, meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Applications for Approval - Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Request

- Jason K. Lee, Radiologist Assistant/ Danial Syed Bohkari, M.D.
- Jason K. Lee, Radiologist Assistant/ Melissa Reidy Spevak, M.D.

The Committee discussed the advanced procedures request for Jason K. Lee, RRA, to perform fistulogram, swallowing study, and intussusception reduction procedures under the supervision of Danial Syed Bukhari, M.D., and Melissa Reidy Spevak, M.D., for approval. On a motion made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Dr. Gooch, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve Mr. Lee to perform the procedures under the supervision of Dr. Bohkari and Dr. Spevak. Mr. Lee recused himself.

Inquiry: Clarification of PET/CT Operators

The Committee briefly discussed an inquiry the Board received requesting clarification on who may operate a PET/CT scanner. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that PET/CT scanners could be operated by an individual whom the Board licenses as both a nuclear medicine technologist and a radiographer or two separate individuals: one who the Board licenses as a nuclear medicine technologist and one who the Board licenses as a radiographer.

Discussion: Review of Radiographer and Nuclear Medicine Technologist's FAQs

The Committee reviewed the current Radiographers and Nuclear Medicine Technologist's FAQs. After some discussion, Mr. Scott, who serves as the nuclear medicine technologist member, noted that the current Nuclear Medicine Technologist FAQs should be updated for clarity. He agreed to draft some clarifying language to be reviewed and discussed at the March 2024 meeting.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article section 3-305(b)(1) on a motion by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Jeffers, the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on November 15, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new committee member.

Submitted by:

Signature on File
Christa C. Sutton
Allied Health Analyst