

**New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
September 10, 2008
Minutes**

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by President Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D.

PRESENT

Board Members Cheema, Ciechanowski, Criscito, Criss, DeGregorio, Jordan, Lambert, Mendelowitz, Nussbaum, Paul, Reichman, Scott, Stanley, Weiss and Wheeler.

EXCUSED

Board Members Haddad, Lomazow, Salas-Lopez, Strand and Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT

Deputy Attorneys General Dick, Ehrenkrantz, Flanzman, Gelber, Jespersen, Levine, Merchant, Palan, Puteska and Warhaftig, Executive Director William V. Roeder and Mary Lou Mottola, Executive Director of the Medical Practitioner Review Panel.

**STATEMENT CONCERNING THE
ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied by notice of this meeting given in the annual notice adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on September 26, 2007 which was transmitted to the ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, STAR LEDGER, CAMDEN COURIER POST, ASBURY PARK PRESS, BERGEN RECORD and the TRENTON TIMES, all on the 1st day of October 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MINUTES THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 13, 2008 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES WITH SOME MINOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS CORRECTED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 Board Meeting Dates

January 14, 2009 July 8, 2009
February 11, 2009 August 12, 2009
March 11, 2009 September 9, 2009
April 8, 2009 October 14, 2009
May 13, 2009 November 4, 2009
June 10, 2009 December 9, 2009

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE DATES FOR ITS 2009 MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Attached was a letter from Steven Wozniak, Chief Nuclear/PET Technologist, Robert Wood Johnson requesting that the Board include Lexiscan (regadenoson), a new product for use in Nuclear Medicine Pharmacologic Stress Testing, as an approved agent for administration by Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

Also attached was a request from Steven Gross, MD, Chairman, Department of Radiology, Somerset Medical Center, requesting that the Board consider adding filtered Technetium 99M sulfur colloid for intra dermal injection by nuclear medicine technologists.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED VOTED TO ADD LEXISCAN TO THE LIST OF PERMITTED PRODUCTS AND REFER THE MATTER TO A REGULATORY ANALYST IN THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO PREPARE THE AMENDMENT TO N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.20(m).

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, REQUESTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILTERED TECHNETIUM 99M SULFUR COLLOID FOR INTRA DERMAL INJECTIONS BY NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Dr. Meeta Patel, M.D.
St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton
RESIDENCY TRAINING PERMIT

This matter was before the Board upon the petitioner's submission of an "appeal" (request for reconsideration) of the July 15, 2008 ineligibility letter; petitioner's request that the Board grant a waiver of the regulatory requirement N.J.A.C. 13:35-1.5(c) which requires that the medical student's didactic training occur in the jurisdiction where the medical school is authorized to confer a degree; that the Board engage in fact finding prior to a final determination on the permit application; and on petitioners' request that the Board grant Dr. Patel's a permit. The matter was referred to the Credentials Committee at which time Dr. Patel appeared.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO PERMIT DR. PATEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE HER PGY 2 TRAINING IN NEW JERSEY.

INFORMATIONAL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Joseph Gluck, former Medical Director of the Board, addressed the Board. He explained that he was extremely frustrated because no one from either the Division of Consumer Affairs or the Administrative Office had returned his telephone calls. For the past six months, he has attempted to offer his services to assist the Board because his former position has not been filled. While he was willing to "volunteer" his time, he did hope to be reimbursed for his travel and parking expenses.

Dr. Gluck also informed the Board that he loved the nine years that he served as the Medical Director and for the first three years or so, he reviewed every consumer complaint received by the Administrative Office. He recalled that he would provide a summary of the complaint, the doctor's response, and any other pertinent information. The synopsis was generally presented to the committee of the Board that ultimately decided the merits of the case. In spite of his misgivings, a screening committee was formed which changed the review process. While the screening committee evolved somewhat over the years, Dr. Gluck was never quite comfortable with the working of that committee. He expressed his dissatisfaction with many of the decisions made and questioned whether the decisions are in the best interest of the public. It

was Dr. Gluck's opinion that the Board has become too concerned about statistics and has disregarded its mission to protect the public. Dr. Gluck spoke to the issue of discipline believing that the Board was not as tough as it should be. It pained him to read about doctors in the newspapers and to know that the Board hasn't done anything against that licensee. While working at the Board, he always considered himself a patient advocate and hoped that the Board would receive the message that was intended. He thought things were out of hand and hoped that his words would help to change things for the better.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D., President