

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MAY 20, 2005**

Final

The May meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee meeting was convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, Bergen Record, Trenton Times, Star Ledger and the Courier Post and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Dr. Ibrahim, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes.

PRESENT:

Dr. Mary Ibrahim
George Argast
Todd Newman
Jeffrey Maas

ABSENT: Claire O'Connell

Also, in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Dwayne Williams, Government Representative Kathleen Griffith and Monica Carrington, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of April 15, 2005. On a motion made and seconded, the Public Session Minutes were approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed the letter from Michael Serle, PA-C, inquiring as to whether, a physician assistant can surgically assist a surgeon who is not the current supervising physician, if an agreement between the surgeons has been established. The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10, (d), Supervision A supervising who is a department head may assign physician assistants under his or her supervision to attending and staff physicians, who shall be responsible for the practice of the physician assistant during the assignment. In all other settings in which a physician assistant is employed, the supervising physician of record shall be considered to be the person responsible for the practice of the physician assistant. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4 (a) and (b), A licensee who has complied with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.3, Practice Requirements may perform the procedures in this section provided the procedures are within the training and experience of both the supervising physician and the physician assistant A letter will be sent to Mr. Serle so advising along with a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physicians in the State of New Jersey.

b. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from Rebecca E. Jones, King & Spalding LP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, D.C., inquiring as to whether physician assistants are allowed to purchase prescription products, such as collagen injections or Botox, directly from a manufacturer. The Committee determined that

based upon the limited facts presented, that independently physician assistants may not acquire or use these drugs. The order may be placed by an institution for a physician. A letter will be sent to Ms. Jones so advising along with a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.

c. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from Douglas S. Rabin, M.D., inquiring as to whether (1) a physician assistant in the State of New Jersey needs to have a supervising physician to care for patients.(2) whether a supervising physician needs to have a New Jersey license.(3) whether it is adequate for a supervising physician only to have a New York license for a physician assistant in New Jersey.(4) whether a supervisory physician need to see patients at the same location where the physician assistant practices and other questions regarding the scope of practice. The Committee determined that based upon the limited facts presented, a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey be provided to Dr. Babin.

d. The Committee reviewed a fax from Teri Wurmser, PhD, MPH, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, inquiring as to whether physician assistants can independently perform endoscopic procedures. The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4, (b)6, Physician Assistants may perform other procedures for diagnostic, therapeutic or interventional purposes such as, but not limited to, introduction of contrast material for radiologic studies, use for endoscopic instruments an aspiration of fluid from joints and body cavities, collection of cerebrospinal fluid, biopsy of tissues, placement of central venous catheters or chest tubes, and endotracheal intubation. i. The supervising physician or physician designee shall be available on premises for those procedures requiring intravenous or intra arterial injection of contrast material, endoscopic biopsy of tissue, and elective endotracheal intubation. A letter will be sent to Ms. Wurmser so advising.

e. The Committee reviewed a fax from Annmarie Taggart, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant would be within his/her scope of practice if he/she became a sexual assault nurse examiner/sexual assault examiner. The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4(b) A licensee who has complied with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.3 may perform the procedures, provided the procedures are within the training and experience of both the supervising physician and the physician assistant, only when the supervising physician directs the licensee to perform the procedures, orders or prescribes the procedures, or the procedures are specified in a written protocol approved by the Board. A letter will be sent to Ms. Taggart so advising along with a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.

f. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dorcas K. O'Neal Executive Director, opened the floor for nomination of Chairman. George Argast was nominated by Dr. Ibrahim. Executive Director O'Neal, asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. On a motion by Dr. Ibrahim, seconded by Todd Newman, George Argast was unanimously elected Chairman.

Executive Director O'Neal, opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Todd Newman was nominated by Dr. Ibrahim. Executive Director O'Neal asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. On a motion by Dr. Ibrahim, seconded by Chairman Argast, Todd Newman was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

IV. REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for March 9, 2005, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for March 9, 2005, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for May 11, 2005, as

informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for May 11, 2005, as informational.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report for Licensure Action taken from April 8, 2005 to May 12, 2005, as informational.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

a. ASSEMBLY BILL NO: 1985 - Permits physician assistants to prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The Committee reviewed the exemplars and recommended changes to the prescription blank. Mr. Elker will modify the artwork to include recommended changes. The Deputy Attorney General recommended more careful look at the notice for physician assistants, hospitals, pharmacies and physicians and requested that a regulatory analyst review the notice.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion made and seconded the Public Session was adjourned. The Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel to review two matters of old business, one matter of new business, one statistical report and thirty-six applications.

The Committee re-convened in Public Session. The following licensure action was taken.

The Committee certifies that the following persons have applied for licensure; that the applications have been reviewed in detail; that all statutory requirements have been met; and that the applicants have been approved by the Committee for licensure.

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Kane, Richard
O'Brien, Jessica
Wong, Janet

The Committee certifies that the following applications have been reviewed and were provisionally approved pending receipt of certain information. Upon receipt of the requested information, the Committee has authorized the Executive Director to review the documents for compliance with statutory requirements and approve for licensure.

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Albit , Kelly
Ayala, Priscilla
Bruessow, Diane
Costello, Martin
Deas-Joseph, Khadija
Dorsey, Ralph
Holencik, Lori
Koch, Wendy
Mojares, Michelle
McGagh, Deidre
Pavlik, Daniel
Peters, Daniel
Shah, Sejal

Skelson, Lawrence
Syska, William
Watson, Gichell
Yoder, William

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Bischoff, Keith
Bridges, Clayton
Brunner, Jody
Greenberg, Cynthia
Hasen, Ashraf
Javier, Aaron
Sharma, David
Polito, Kimberly
Stock, Briarly

The Committee reviewed the following applications which were deferred due to lack of specific documents required by law. All deferred permanent and temporary applications must return to the Committee for review.

DEFERRED (PERMANENT)

Berstock, Avi
Gould, Laurence
Meagher, Anissa
Queen, Russell

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Nolan, Jessica
Ritter, Jacqueline
Sorin, Suzannah

The next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2005. There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director