

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners  
Physician Assistant's Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:01 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

II. Roll Call

The following committee members were present: Paul Harrelson, P.A., Bradley Cantley, P.A., Amelia Davis, P.A., Heather Neighbors, P.A., and Gregory Ayers, M.D.

The following committee members were present electronically: William Jay Suggs, M.D.

The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Suzanne Powell, Winston Jordan, Sandi Kirkland, Tonya Vice, Karen Silas, Matt Hart, and Wilson Hunter

The following staff members were present electronically: Carla Kruger, Chris Hart

Others present: Phillip Kinney (Barton and Kinney, P.C.), Katherine Hunt, M.D. (ADS)

III. Committee Minutes

The committee approved the minutes from the Tuesday, October 18, 2022, meeting without objection.

IV. Old Business

a. Standard Language for Biopsies (Skin) Shave/Punch

The committee recommended tabling this item permanently, therefore, no modifications are to be made at this time to the current standard language for biopsies (skin) shave/punch as listed on the Physician Assistant Core Duties and Scope of Practice.

b. Insertion of Non-Tunneled Central Venous Line Insertion- Less than 14F

Staff of the Board of Medical Examiners provided an update to the committee regarding the Board of Medical Examiners' approval of the committee's recommendation at its October 18, 2022, meeting to add additional language to the central venous line insertion- less than 14F protocol: *Training should be representative of the appropriately sized catheter that is anticipated to be utilized by the physician assistant.*

c. Speakers for Alabama Society of Physician Assistants 2023 Annual Conference

The committee briefly discussed the upcoming Alabama Society of Physician Assistants' 2023 Annual Conference which was also previously discussed by the committee at its October 18, 2022, meeting in which the committee recommended Dr. Gregory Ayers and Dr. William Jay Suggs serve as speakers.

d. Discussion of AAPA's vote to modify the title of Physician Assistant to Physician Associate

The committee briefly discussed AAPA's vote to modify the title of Physician Assistant to Physician Associate. The committee recommends no action be taken at this time to modify the title of Physician Assistant.

V. New Business

a. Carpal Tunnel Injections

The committee discussed, at the request of a member of the committee, the additional skill, carpal tunnel injections and the current orthopedic specialty protocol which excludes the performance of wrist or hand injections by physician assistants. The committee recommended no action be taken; however, staff of the BME should monitor any future requests for this skill.

b. PA Licensure Compact

The committee discussed the American Academy of Physician Assistants' release of the PA Licensure Compact model legislation. The committee recommended staff of the Board of Medical Examiners provide feedback to a representative of AAPA regarding any concerns with the currently proposed model of the PA licensure compact.

c. 540-X-12 Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

The committee discussed, at the request of a member of the committee, Administrative Rule, 540-X-12-.03, regarding the qualifications for obtaining a QACSC. The committee recommended creating a subcommittee within the PA Advisory Committee tasked with proposing requirements for requesting an exemption of the requirement of 12 months of clinical practice in Alabama before obtaining a QACSC. Therefore, the item was deferred by the committee until its next meeting.

d. 2024 CME Requirements

The committee discussed and recommended approval of the modifications to the rules regarding the newly effective continuing medical education requirement for physician assistants and supervising physicians.

**The rule modifications should be placed before the Board at its next monthly meeting for consideration of approving the rules to be published for public comment.**

e. Central Venous Line Removal

The committee discussed, at the request of a member of the committee, central venous line removal which is currently listed as an additional skill within the critical care specialty protocol.

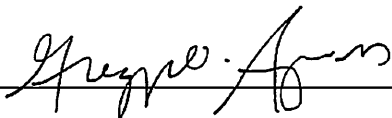
**The committee recommended the skill, removal of percutaneous central venous line, be added to the physician assistant core duties and scope of practice and therefore remove this skill from the critical care specialty protocol for physician assistants.**

Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kimie Buley, Assistant Director of Advanced Practice Providers

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers

  
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Gregory Ayers, M.D.