

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

Minutes

October 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:04 p.m. on October 17, 2023.

II. Roll Call

The following committee members were present: Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA, Ronald Roan, MD (Virtual), Jay Suggs, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD

The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Suzanne Powell, Sandi Kirkland, Tonya Vice, Matt Hart, Carla Kruger (Virtual), Karen Silas, Winston Jordan, Alicia Harrison, Amy Dorminey (Virtual), and Chris Hart (Virtual)

III. Committee Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the Tuesday, August 15, 2023, meeting without objection. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

IV. Old Business

a. Presentation- Protocol for Insertion of Tunneled Central Venous Lines

At its August 15, 2023, meeting, the Committee considered the proposed protocol for the Insertion of Tunneled Central Venous Lines. Based upon the information reviewed, the Committee recommended deferring this item until its October 17, 2023, meeting for further data to be presented by UAB representatives.

Therefore, on October 17, 2023, Andrew J. Gunn, M.D., a representative of UAB, provided a brief presentation regarding the requested data. After discussion, the Committee recommended the protocol be deferred for further research by staff to include whether this procedure is approved for performance by APPs in surrounding states. The vote to recommend the protocol be deferred was unanimous.

b. CME Requirements for PA Licensure

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed change of 50 CME credits every two years in lieu of the current requirement of 25 CME credits annually.

The Committee recommended the proposed rule modifications be placed on the Board's next available agenda for approval for publication for public comment. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

c. Otolaryngology Specialty Protocol

An update was provided to the Committee regarding the Board's decision at its August 17, 2023, meeting.

d. Limited Protocol for Multi-Location Clinic Based Urgent Cares

The Committee recommended the Limited Protocol for Multi-Location Clinic Based Urgent Care be approved. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. New Business

a. Critical Care Specialty Protocol- Annual Maintenance Procedures

After extensive discussion, the Committee recommended the Critical Care Specialty Protocol be modified to allow for a combined total of 10 annual maintenance procedures for CVL insertion- internal jugular, up to 9F and CVL insertion- femoral, up to 9F. A minimum of 5 must be internal jugular. The vote to recommend approval of the modification was unanimous.

b. 2024 PA Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee determined meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year:
January 16, 2024
April 9, 2024
August 13, 2024
October 15, 2024

Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

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

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers



Gregory Ayers, M.D.