

REPORT

**Surgical Care/Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
Board of Medicine
Rosen Centre
9840 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
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October 4, 2007**

Immediately Following the Rules and Legislation Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 P.M.

Mr. McPherson called the roll and determined that the Committee had a quorum.

Attendees:

Robert Cline, M.D., Chair
Fred Bearison, M.D.
Tully Patrowicz, M.D.
Steven Rosenberg, M.D.
Dr. George Thomas, M.D.

Not Present:

Laurie Davies, M.D. (Excused)

Larry McPherson, Executive Director
Ed Tellechea, Assistant Attorney General
Nancy Murphy, Paralegal
Ephraim Livingston, Prosecution Services
Gwyn Willis, Board Staff

Mary W. Deibler, American Court Reporting

Tab #1 Cervical Injections

The Committee agreed that there was not enough data to support rule making that would require physicians who perform cervical injections to be registered as an Office Surgery facility.

Mr. Tellechea stated that the Board of Osteopathic Medicine was doing a study of pain management facilities with the possibility of requiring that these facilities be registered as office surgery facilities. Mr. McPherson added that the meeting was on November 8, 2007.

The Committee members suggested that Mr. Beebe be asked to attend the meeting and bring back a report to the next meeting.

Action Taken:

The Committee tabled this discussion until the next meeting to allow more time to collect more data.

The Committee requested that Mr. McPherson collect data on this issue and ask Mr. Beebe to attend the Board of Osteopathic Medicine meeting on November 8, 2007 on pain management and submit a report to the Surgical Care Committee at the next Surgical Care Committee meeting.

Tab #2 Medical Care For Sports Teams in Florida

Action Taken: No action was taken.

Tab #3 Withdrawn/Resolved

Action Taken: None required.

Tab #4 FYI Statistics

Gwyn Willis presented a brief report on the statistics provided at the meeting. This included the total number of surgical procedures reported yearly to the Agency for Health Care Administration by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, the total number office surgery registrations, the total number of physicians registered to perform office surgery and adverse incident data.

Action Taken: No action was taken.

Tab #5 Discussion on Uninsured and Under Insured in Florida Transcript Ordered

Dr. Patrowicz presented a summary of his request to the Board of Medicine to become involved in the deliverance of health care to the uninsured and under insured. He suggested that the Board of Medicine appoint an ad hoc Committee to poll the other State Medical Boards on how they are handling this issue.

Mr. McPherson reminded the Committee that the Board of Medicine's mission was to license physicians, establish standards of care and enforce those standards. He added that the recent budget reductions would hamper any organization of a new committee. He suggested that the Board staff undertake the task of polling the other State Medical Boards on what they are doing to provide access to medical care and how they underwrite the costs of health care.

Dr. Patrowicz emphasized this issue was part of the Board mission to provide information to patient and practitioners.

It was suggested that physicians disciplined by the Board do their Community Service at the County Health Department.

Carol Lanfri, Esq. stated that in the past, the County Health Departments would not allow a physician to perform any disciplinary community service in their facilities.

Mr. Tellechea stated that according to the rule, community service required as part of a disciplinary action must be completed outside the regular practice setting of the physician. The Committee would be required to change the rules pertaining to community service if they want to allow the physicians to do pro bono services in their office as part of the disciplinary action.

Dr. Lage stated that she supported the initiative and wants to help.

Mr. McPherson suggested that he contact the newly appointed head of the Department of Health's Minority Health Program to ask what the Board can do to support any programs that have been established by the Department of Health and other State Agencies to offer health care to the uninsured and under insured in Florida.

Action Taken:

The Board of Medicine staff will poll the other State Medical Boards on what programs they use to aid the uninsured and under insured in accessing health care.

Mr. McPherson and the Board staff will contact the Department of Health Leadership and inquire about State programs that offer assistance to the uninsured and the under insured.

Other Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.