

**The Louisiana State  
Board of Medical Examiners**

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

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December 21, 2022  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Physician Assistant Advisory Committee, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 10:00 a.m., August 13, 2022, via Zoom virtual video.

Members present were as follows: Krystle Chase- Circello, Varsha Castro-Gusman, Raven Lewis, M.D., James Craven, M.D.

No Public Comments

1. **General Administrative Matters; Public comments; Meeting Order** advised the public that any comments can be emailed to [publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov). Ms. Chase- Circello verified the identity of all videoconference participants, and he ensured the meeting was clear and audible to the public and those on the tele- and videoconference.
2. **Old Business Minutes of the meeting:**

On the motion of Dr. Craven duly seconded by Ms. Castro- Gusman; all present approved and accepted the minutes of the October 15, 2022 Physician Assistant Meeting.

3. **Request for Advisory Opinion re; Treatment of Chronic Pain:** Ms. Peyton requested an advisory opinion regarding chronic pain.

On the motion of Dr. Crave duly seconded by Ms. Chase- Circello; all present approved the following; To make a recommendation to the board to allow Physician Assistants to prescribe NSAIDs for greater than 12 weeks.

On the motion of Ms. Chase – Circello duly seconded by Ms. Castro- Gusman; all present approved and accepted. To Make a recommendation to the board that Physician Assistants are allowed to perform in office intra-articular large joint injections with local anesthetists. Further to recommend to the board to the degree to clarify the authority for in-office joint injections by Physician Assistants

4. **Rules course:** Ms. Susie Allen is updating the course of the current rule. Requested that a committee member review quiz and provide feedback. Ms. Chase- Cicrello agreed to review the quiz with Ms. Allen. No further action needed or taken on this matter.

5. **Direct Billing and Reimbursements:** Reviewed current billing practices. Dr. Culotta and Ms. Wilton will draft changes to direct billing and reimbursements. No further action needed or taken on this matter.
6. **SCP Health Letters:** Rules are being developed that will be able to address questions in letters. No further action needed or taken on this matter.
7. **Delegation: IV Therapy:** Ms. Wilton is going to draft a response to letters, and present it to the board at January Meeting. No further action needed or taken on this matter.
8. **Update on rule changes:** Dr. Culotta is working towards expanding the rules and will present once updates are completed. No further action needed or taken on this matter.
9. **Next meeting: January 16, 2023**

Adjourn