

North Carolina Medical Board
Allied Health Committee – Agenda
Thursday, May 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room D

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OPEN SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The Board requested staff add two Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to the Board's website regarding the following subjects:

Q. What does the Board expect to be documented in a PA/Primary Supervising Physician's record of meetings?

A. The physician assistant and his or her primary supervising physician should document a discussion of relevant clinical issues. The meeting and its documentation can take a variety of forms. Some PA/physician teams perform a medical record review while others structure the meeting as a journal club or choose a specific clinical topic for review. As long as the meetings occur, are documented and signed, and include a substantive discussion or review of relevant clinical issues, then the documentation requirement for meetings is likely to meet Board expectations.

Q: Are physician assistants working part time or locum tenens positions required to document PA/supervising physician meetings at the same intervals as full time physician assistants?

A: Yes. There is no exception in the rules for physician assistants working part time or locum tenens positions. Physician assistants in any new practice arrangement are expected to meet monthly with their primary supervising physician for six months, then every six months thereafter. Physician assistants must make and maintain a written record of these meetings as required by board rule, 21 NCAC 32S .0213(e).

NEW BUSINESS

NC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The EMS Advisory Group recommended adding the following medications to the EMS formulary: ketamine for agitation; and ecallantide for hereditary angioedema.

PERFUSIONISTS

Minutes of the January, 2016 PAC meeting

Recommendation: Accept the minutes of the January, 2016 PAC meeting.