



MEDICAL COMMITTEE
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center
Conference Room 240, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, September 23, 2016 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Dr. Metter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Mark Silberman, M.D., Vice-Chair; Bill Campbell; Robert Emery, DrPH; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.(late arrival); John Johnson, D.V.M.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S., Karen Newton; and Simon Trubek, M.D. (late arrival).

2. Introduction of members and guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Joann Harthcock, Alyson Henry, Shannon Quinn, Jo Turkette, Karl VonAhn, Roshanda Smiley, Stacey McLarty, Greg Wilburn, and Helen Watkins.

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2016 TRAB Medical Committee meeting

Dr. Silberman made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Continuing Business:

- A. Follow up on the letter, drafted by Bob Emery, and sent to Dr. Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner, explaining TRAB's concern on the suspension of training requirements for Fluoroscopic guided imaging, was approved by the full TRAB at the April 12 teleconference.**

Commissioner Hellerstedt recommends changing the wording of the rule from "shall" to "should". The Radiation Department will start processing this wording change in the rule.

B. Progress on issue of Medical Physicist’s certification under the Texas Medical Board

Medical Physicists no longer take a state exam and are required to take the national certification exam. The national certification is required for physicists to apply for a Texas license.

C. Update the State’s survey on Dermatology ELS (Electronically Generated Low Energy Sources for Skin Irradiation Therapy), regarding what instruments are used, what training is provided

Ms. Bruedigan provided the highlights of the survey results: Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) now refers to as “Cutaneous Electronic Brachytherapy”)

- i.* Some states have not updated their radiation therapy rules since the 1960-1970’s.
- ii.* Type of devices: Sensus SRT 100 Vision, XOFT, and Elekta Esteya
- iii.* 61% of the states do not require a radiation oncologist to be involved in the treatment process in a dermatology office
24 % require radiation oncologists
16% Unknown
- iv.* 71% would allow cutaneous electronic brachytherapy units to be used in a dermatology office
16% would not allow in a dermatology office
13% unknown
- v.* 89% have no additional training requirements to perform in a dermatology office
11% did require additional training for dermatologists

Medicare is no longer paying for this procedure. Therefore, we are seeing a resurgence of superficial brachytherapy especially for treating keloid scars. The CRCPD committee is developing a guideline for state registration, requirements, rules or conditions, and training components.

B. Update on iodine-131 patient release “best practices”

NRC is reviewing and collating comments received for best practices. Ms. Bruedigan will forward information to Dr. Metter and will be distributed to the committee members.

5. New Business

A. Consideration of Advisory Statement on Public Better Understanding of Radiation

Dr. Emery made a motion to approve the content of the advisory statement and review wording at the next meeting. Dr. Trubek seconded the motion and the content of the advisory statement was unanimously approved and will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

B. Change in practice by Radiation Control Program of contacting registrant prior to routine inspection, Unannounced Inspections

Ms. Watkins reviewed the letter sent August, 2016 to the Texas radiation registrants about the policy of unannounced inspections and provided a PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Metter requested an update in 6 months.

C. Other Items

None

6. Public Comments

None

7. Summarize Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB.

None

8. Identification of Agenda Items for next Medical Committee Meeting

A. Update on iodine-131 patient release “best practices”

B. Consideration of Advisory Statement on Public Better Understanding of Radiation

9. Adjourn

Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.