

*EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

J. Andrew Sumner, M.D., *Chairperson*

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee was created in 1990. The Committee advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance on matters regarding the certification of and regulations governing cardiac rescue technicians and emergency medical technician-paramedics. The Committee also advises the Board on matters related to the provision of prehospital advanced life support, including quality assurance, standards of practice, and treatment protocols.

*MEDICAL RADIATION & NUCLEAR MEDICAL
TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Mary M. Newman, M.D., *Chairperson*

The Medical Radiation and Nuclear Medical Technology Advisory Committee was organized in 1990. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance on all applications for certification of nuclear medical technologists and medical radiation technologists. The Committee recommends to the Board the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee also makes recommendations to the Board regarding regulations governing nuclear medical technologists and medical radiation technologists and on matters related to the practice of medical radiation technology and nuclear medical technology.

MEDICAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE

John T. Lynn, M.D., *Chairperson*

The Medical Specialty Committee was established in 1989. The Committee formulates new regulations concerning criteria for specialty designation of physicians.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ira N. Brecher, M.D., *Chairperson*

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was created within the State Board of Medical Examiners in 1986 (Chapter 759, Acts of 1986). The Committee became part of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance in 1988 (Chapter 109, Acts of 1988). The Committee recommends to the Board regulations for the certification of physician assistants. The Committee also recommends to the Board the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee may

report to the Board any alleged unauthorized practice of a physician assistant, or any conduct of a supervising physician or a physician assistant that may be cause for disciplinary action.

To perform delegated medical acts, a physician assistant must obtain an approved job description from the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. The Committee evaluates the qualifications of the physician assistant for delegated medical acts to be performed under that job description and recommends that the Board approve, modify, or reject the application for a job description. The Board, on review of the Committee's recommendation, may approve, modify, or deny a request for certification.

The Committee's seven members are appointed to three-year terms by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Of these, three are licensed physicians, three are certified physician assistants, and one is a consumer. The licensed physician members must include at least one specialist in general surgery or a surgical subspecialty, and at least one specialist in internal medicine, family practice, or a similar primary care specialty (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 15-101 through 15-502).

*PSYCHIATRIST ASSISTANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Sheila K. Riggs, *Chairperson*

The Psychiatrist Assistant Advisory Committee was established in 1981 within the State Board of Medical Examiners. The Committee advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance concerning the profession of psychiatrist assistant in matters such as examination and certification, regulations, and standards of professional conduct.

*RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE*

Gary M. Evans, R.R.T., *Chairperson*

Authorized in 1988, the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee was formed in 1990 (Chapter 127, Acts of 1988). The Committee advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance on regulations governing the practice of respiratory care, and the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee refers to the Board any allegation of unauthorized practice by a respiratory care practitioner or of any conduct by a supervising physician or respiratory care practitioner that may be cause for disciplinary action.