

# PAC UPDATE

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## NEW INFORMATION

This is the first Physician Assistant newsletter in two years. During this time, much has happened. Here are some of the highlights:

- a new executive officer, Richard Wallinder, was appointed January 4, 2001
- a new website was constructed ([www.physicianassistant.ca.gov](http://www.physicianassistant.ca.gov))
- a new application was drafted and is available on the PAC website
- a sample delegation of services agreement is available on-line
- the laws and regulations are available on-line
- PAs must now obtain a DEA certificate to write and sign prescription "drug orders" for scheduled medication II through V.

One of the most positive changes affecting PAs began on July 1, 2001 when a change in the law became effective that removed the requirement for physicians to submit an application or pay a fee to supervise a physician assistant (PA). Previously, physicians who wanted to utilize a PA in

their practice were required to complete an application to supervise physician assistants, submit a fee, and receive approval from the Medical Board of California. The effect of this change is that any California-licensed physician, except those who are expressly prohibited by the Medical Board from supervising a PA, will be able to supervise a PA.

### All other legal requirements concerning PA supervision remain the same.

Most importantly, a new committee has been appointed:

Robert Sachs, PA-C (Chair)  
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## NEW LAWS

AB 1194 (Correa, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2001)  
 Permits physician assistants and nurse practitioners to co-sign a doctor's first report of occupational injury or illness and to provide medical treatment to workers' compensation claimants, including authorizing the claimant to receive time off from work for a period not to exceed three calendar days if that authority is included in standardized procedures and protocols.

SB 111 (Alpert, Chapter 358, Statutes of 2001)  
 Permits a medical assistant, in addition to being able to perform specified tasks under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist, to perform those identical tasks under the supervision of a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse-midwife in a licensed community care clinic. These tasks include venipuncture, injections, and other technical support services, which fall within the normal scope of practice for a medical assistant.

SB 349 (Committee on Business and Professions, Chapter 435, Statutes of 2001)

This bill was sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs and one statute revises provisions relating to meeting requirements of the Physician Assistant Committee (PAC). The PAC may now meet in any city in California rather than just Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco. Another provision of this legislation deals with delinquent renewal fees. As of January 1, 2002, the PAC will collect all accrued and unpaid delinquent renewal fees. Hopefully, this will encourage licensees to renew on a timely basis thus avoiding incurring additional fees.

Further information about legislation can be obtained by accessing the Official California Legislative Information website at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Each year the staff at the Physician Assistant Committee answers thousands of questions about California physician assistant laws and regulations. In a continuing series, we will publish some of the most frequently asked questions, along with our standard replies.

- Q:** Do I need a Delegation of Services Agreement for every supervising physician?  
 •**A: YES!** We recognize that this requirement means that you may have quite a number of agreements - especially if you work in an Emergency Room - however, to meet legal practice

requirements, you must have a Delegation of Services Agreement for every physician who supervises you. A sample Delegation of Services Agreement can be found on the Physician Assistant Committee website.

(<http://www.physicianassistant.ca.gov/appinfo.htm>)

- Q:** How often should I update my Delegation of Services Agreement?  
 •**A:** We suggest that you review and update your Delegation of Services Agreement at least once a year and whenever there have

been any changes to your practice or to the physician(s) who

supervise you.

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### DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The following summary indicates the administrative actions taken against licensed physician assistants by the State of California from January 2001 through December 2001. Section numbers cited refer to California Business and Professions Code (BPC); Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 13.8; Health and Safety Code (HSC); Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). This summary does not reflect criminal and civil actions that may also have been brought separately against the licensee, as those actions are not within the jurisdiction of the Physician Assistant Committee.

Although every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct, before making any decision based upon this information, check with the Physician Assistant Committee to substantiate the accuracy of this listing. Specific information on these violations may be obtained by contacting the Physician Assistant Committee at 916/561-8780, extension 204.

**ROONEY, MICHAEL J. PA 13828**

2234, (e) BPC  
Violation: Sexual misconduct with a juvenile  
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License  
Effective Date: January 04, 2001

**GRANTHAM, ROBERT PA 11140**

2234(e), 2238, 2239(a) BPC  
Violations: Self use of drugs; dishonesty  
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License  
Effective Date: January 5, 2001

**SAUCIER, BILLY PA 11026**

490, 810, 2234, 2236, 2261, 2662 BPC  
Violations: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: conspiracy to commit grand theft by defrauding Medi-Cal; dishonesty; making false statements; creating false medical records  
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License  
Effective Date: June 21, 2001

**STEWART, KENNETH L. PA 11748**

2234(e), 2239(a), 3527(a) BPC  
Violations: Self use of drugs; dishonesty  
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License  
Effective Date: June 21, 2001

**PETERS, PAUL PA 12933**

2236(a), 3502, 3527(a), 3531 BPC  
Violations: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: making terrorist threats; practicing outside the scope of a physician assistant  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 3 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: July 18, 2001

**RINSET II, GUNDER PA 10122**

725, 2234(b), 3527(a) BPC; 1399.521(e), 1399.545(d) CCR  
Charges: Excessive treatment of a patient; gross negligence; dishonesty  
Stipulated Decision: Public Reprimand  
Effective Date: August 1, 2001

**CRAWFORD, THOMAS W. PA 14580**

2234, (f), 2238, 2239(a) BPC; 11173 HSC  
Violations: Falsified or made grossly incorrect, inconsistent or unintelligible entries in hospital, patient, and other records pertaining to controlled substances  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 3 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: August 13, 2001

**SUHR, DANIEL A. PA 14016**

2234, 2239, 2280, 3531 BPC  
Charges: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: driving under the influence of alcohol; practicing under the influence of a narcotic drug or alcohol  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: August 30, 2001

**SPENCER, BRIAN E. PA 12373**

2234, 2236, 2237, 2239 BPC; 11377(A), (B), 11550(A), 11364 HSC  
Violations: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia; under the influence of a controlled substance; self-use of drugs  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: October 18, 2001

**CANCILLA, JR., MICHAEL A. PA 15366**

2234(b), 2239, 3527 BPC  
Charges: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: inflicting corporal injury on a spouse; gross negligence; dangerous use of alcohol; impaired practice  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: November 2, 2001

**LINI, MEGAN PA 14080**

2234(a), 2236(a), 2239, 3531 BPC ; 1399.521 CCR  
Violations: Conviction of a criminal offense substantially related to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a physician assistant: trespassing; self use of drugs; dishonesty  
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed 5 years probation with terms and conditions  
Effective Date: December 7, 2001

### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE 2002 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 18, 2002	Sacramento
November 14, 2002	Sacramento

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