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TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Office Based Surgery Committee

September 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Health Related Boards' Iris Room, 227 French Landing, Ground Floor, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Committee members present were Drs. George Eckles, Michael Zanolli, Subhi Ali and Neal Beckford. Dennis Higdon, MD was present to assist the Committee. The Committee met to consider the request for a rule change offered by the Galen Medical Group regarding endoscopic procedures and sedation.

The Galen Medical Group has an office based endoscopy office which is used to perform routine EGDs and colonoscopies with deep sedation administered by board-certified anesthesiologists. The Group proposed that a provision be made in the rules and regulations that govern office based surgery for those procedures that would typically fall under Level IIA procedures who receive deep sedation administered by anesthesia personnel to allow for ASA Risk Classification 3 patients.

The Committee considered the request and voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that they deny the Galen Medical Group's request for a rule change.

The Committee adjourned at 4:40 p.m.