

**POSITION STATEMENT  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS'  
COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

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**Physician Assistants Ordering Controlled Substances**

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Absent any federal statute or regulation to the contrary, it is the position of the Committee that the law that authorizes physician assistants to prescribe controlled substances also authorizes them to order such controlled substances under the following circumstances:

1. The controlled substances being ordered are within the physician assistant's formulary and protocols; and
2. That the authority to order controlled substances is mutually agreed upon by the supervising physician and physician assistant and such agreement is reduced to writing and maintained at the practice site for which the controlled substances are ordered.

**Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.**

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