



## **Blood Clot Pulmonary Embolism Policy (BCPEP)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 18, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM  
**Location:** GoToWebinar

**Members Present:** Ali Ataya, M.D., Christopher Pittman, M.D., Leslie Lake, Giovanni Betta

**Agency Staff Present:** Jaime Bustos, Krischell Weston, Susan Slaphey, Nicole Seferlis, Nancy Tamariz

**Meeting Materials:** Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Blood Clot and Pulmonary Embolism Policy Workgroup \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/Blood-Clot-and-Pulmonary-Embolism-Policy-Workgroup)

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Dr. Ataya called roll.

**Action Items and Status Updates:** The Agency is working on finalizing the graphic designs that will be included in the BCPEP Policy Report. Jaime Bustos asked the members to send in any report edits or comments to the BCPEP email. The Agency is also finalizing details for the upcoming in-person meeting.

**BCPEP Workgroup Discussion - Needs for Surveillance:** Dr. Ataya led the review of the BCPEP Policy Report. A request was made to rank or re-order the recommendations. Options include ordering them by rank or weight. They could also group them by the four categories. This will be reviewed prior to the next meeting and discussed as a group. Adding an additional recommendation for pregnancies should also be considered.

Recommendation 1: The risk assessment tool should be defined to provide clarity on exactly who can perform the risk assessment. This way physicians are not required to themselves, and the task can be given to other staff members.

Recommendation 5: A Workgroup member believes the language in this recommendation should be rephrased so that it doesn't come across as anti-choice. The wording change should be made to encourage, promote, and support Floridians getting in-state evaluations for surgery before out-of-state referrals.

Recommendation 8: The header in this recommendation can be changed to implement a statewide VTE monitoring system, and the body should spell out and define surveillance. Dr. Pittman advised that he could assist with this language change.



Recommendation 12: Education focus may need to be discussed further to define who should be educated and how the education will take place. Members believe this should include both providers and the public.

**Meeting Summary and Next Steps:** The Workgroup will review the recommendations for updates and continue with their discussion at the upcoming in-person meeting.

New Action Items	Owner
The AHCA team will work to secure a date for the upcoming in-person meeting.	AHCA

With no further business to discuss, moved to adjourn, with no objections. The committee adjourned.

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