

**House of Delegates**  
**Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center**  
**Dallas, Texas**  
**Friday, November 9, 2007**  
**Minutes**

- I. James E Mallette, Jr., MD, Speaker of the House of Delegates called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.
- II. Minutes of the previous HOD meeting, November 10, 2006, were unanimously approved.
- III. ACAAI President Dr. Daniel Ein welcomed everyone to the meeting and cited the members' important function as fully supported by the Board of Regents. Dr., Ein also reported on:
  - The excellent state of the College with more than 5,400 members (up 5% over last year)
  - The contribution to the NHLBI Guidelines which now include immunotherapy for asthma.
  - The activities of the Joint Task Force on Xolair.
  - A recently approved \$7.5 million ACAAI campaign over three years developed by the Task Force of the Board of Regents for "Public Awareness and Education of the Allergist."Drs. Richard Gower and James Sublett, the chair and vice chair of the Task Force, reported the main reasons for the campaign are to:
  - Create public awareness of allergic diseases and asthma.
  - Create recognition of the allergist as the best provider for these diseases.
  - Brand the allergist to differentiate the quality of expertise provided by the trained allergist.
- IV. Dr. Robert Nathan, JCAAI president, discussed issues that are emailed to members periodically via *New NEWS You Can Use* including information on:
  - CPT codes 95004 descriptor to pay for physician work to include interpretation section on the skin test form to demonstrate that the allergist work in correlation of skin testing with patient history and exam.
  - Practice parameters on immunotherapy to include a range, i.e., the current 70 percutaneous/40 intracutaneous.
  - Complete practice parameter forms on JCAAI website for clinical indications for immunotherapy.
  - Evaluation every 6-12 months on immunotherapy suggested.
  - CPT codes 95115, 95117, 95146, 95149, 95004, 95024 indicating increase in pay for preparation of extracts but not for administration.
  - State related denial of payments, as in California and Virginia, should be dealt with by state society using list server from JCAAI.
  - Decline in fees by Medicare, hopefully will have Congressional override.

- Black box warning demand reasonable physician and patient model with verbal consent, progress note or best signed Informed consent.
- eNO CPT code that pays \$16 90512 but need to negotiate with each insurer.
- Xolair compensated at 90772, rather than 96401 chemical administration.
- Consultation need documentation and letter to referring physician.
- HIPAA need office policy to avoid security and privacy breaches with secure system and limited access with integrity in electronic private health information.
- USP 797 media field test and vial preparation test with questionnaire from Academy and College in process.
- Lab Corp RAST overestimating igE.
- Combination therapy with inhaled steroids and bronchodilator now Tier 3.
- Flu vaccine recommended for all health care workers.
- OSHA yearly update.
- GME manpower issues top priority of ACAAI, Academy and JCAAI.

V. The following slate of officers was presented and approved:

Kevin McGrath, Speaker  
Christopher Randolph, Vice Speaker  
Chitra Dinakar, Recording Secretary

VI. The meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Randolph, MD  
Recording Secretary