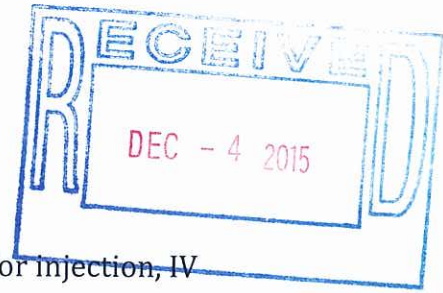


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From: Jonas Skardis

To: NM BAOM + Rx Committee, hand delivered to NM BAOM Office

Re: Request for approval of several online and distance CE courses for injection, IV



## **Introduction**

Some of these are live, in-person courses, and others are online or in some other distance learning format. I understand that at the last BAOM meeting there was a tabling of approving any injection or IV CE courses that are online or distance learning. Submitted with this letter is a separate letter appealing that general ban. Should the BAOM decide to begin reconsidering online or other distance injection or IV CE, I request that the following courses be considered for approval, and that the live courses below be considered for approval as soon as possible.

## **Advanced Practice Education Services**

<http://www.injectioncourses.com/onlinecourses/>

This is an online course in injection of joints and trigger points, mostly paraspinal trigger points. It is put on by a probably changing faculty of nurse practitioners. It is approved for a maximum of 8.5 contact hour(s) of CE by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Program ID 1307290. Cost for the online course is \$99, and there is a \$299 option of renting injection models that you can inject as a form of practicum. You can share the models with friends taking this same course online, but you don't need to rent the models at all to get the hours of credit. They also offer ongoing live courses in many cities, including a convenient one in Phoenix on 2/27/16. I hope that approval by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners would circumvent the laborious need for me to beg them for CV's of the faculty.

## **Empire Medical Training**

[www.empiremedicaltraining.org/pain-management-workshops/joint-extremity-injection-training/](http://www.empiremedicaltraining.org/pain-management-workshops/joint-extremity-injection-training/)

This private organization provides 9 AMA credits for a course in Joint/Extremity/Non-Spinal injection in February, in either NYC or Las Vegas, NV for \$949 early registration price. They do this ongoing, so it would be nice to know that I could go to these courses for injection CE now or in a future 3 year relicensing cycle. I have emailed them for CV's of the faculty, and have not heard back. I know from experience that the faculty can change dynamically within a group like this. But, it is AMA approved. Though I have never seen it explained explicitly, I have the impression that we don't need the CV's of all faculty if the course has been approved by the AMA.

### **National Procedures Institute**

[www.npinstitute.com/joint-injection-cme-p/jointexam-and-injections.htm](http://www.npinstitute.com/joint-injection-cme-p/jointexam-and-injections.htm)

The above link leads you to information about getting 16 AMA credits in joint exam and injection. This course is in San Antonio, TX, on February 6-7, and it costs \$1,195 if you register by January 6.

### **National Healthcare Institute**

[www.nhinstitute.com/item/intravenous-therapy-certification-course.html?category\\_id=211](http://www.nhinstitute.com/item/intravenous-therapy-certification-course.html?category_id=211)

Click on the link above for a nurse oriented 30 hour course in IV Certification, 4 hours of which has to be live, the rest on-line. The amazing thing is the cost of only \$195! The following link describes all of their accreditations:

<https://www.nhinstitute.com/item/accreditation.html>

### **CNE Explorer**

[www.cneexplorer.com/online-nursing-continuing-education-course-catalog/](http://www.cneexplorer.com/online-nursing-continuing-education-course-catalog/)

This is a nursing continuing education provider certified by nursing boards in FL and CA. They have a few one hour on-line courses, including one on IV Micronutrient Infusion Therapy: The Myers' Cocktail and Vitamin C Infusions. Cost is \$12 per hour.

### **ACAM Chelation Webinars**

<https://acam.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=3174768>

The American College for Advancement in Medicine is of course listed in the NM BAOM Administrative Rules as a pre-approved provider of CME. They offer a series of archived webinars in chelation for \$585. Will you approve this set of webinars? DOMs may add a live practicum for certification purposes.

### **International IV Nutritional Therapy**

<http://ivnutritionaltherapy.com>

I request that this organization be placed on the approved list of providers for IV continuing education. Some board members know this as the organization that includes Virginia Osborne, RN.

### **MedPageToday.com**

The above website makes it quite easy to get AMA certified continuing education credits from reading and testing. A registered reader searches for injection or IV topics associated with NM DOM Expanded Practice. For example, they have 9 articles about chelation. You read the articles, take a test, and get your AMA certificate immediately, usually 0.25 CME hours of credit per article.

### **Ultrasound education**

There are numerous live seminars in musculoskeletal ultrasound and ultrasound guidance of injections, including regional anesthesia and pain management injections. These are extremely varied. Many are top of the field at major academic centers like Mayo, U of Michigan, Thomas Jefferson, etc. Some are offered by private