

Public Hearing Notice for Elective Percutaneous Coronary Angioplasty (PCI)

The State Health Planning Board (the Board) will be holding regional public hearings concerning the provision of elective percutaneous coronary angioplasty (PCI) at community hospitals without backup cardiac surgery services on-site. Copies of the publication of the Atlantic C-Port-E research study, which evaluated the provisions of PCI at hospitals with and without backup cardiac surgery services on-site can be found at the New Jersey Department of Health website at http://nj.gov/health/bc/public_hearings.shtml.

The presentations at the November 27, 2012 Elective PCI Symposium, "PCI Without Cardiac Surgery On Site – An Expert Panel Review," co-sponsored by the Department and the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Cardiology can be found at the latter's website at: <http://www.newjerseyacc.org/index.html>.

The Board invites the public to provide public testimony on the issues of the pros and cons of permitting elective PCI at community hospitals without cardiac surgery services on-site and patient safety protections that may be necessary to ensure the provision of quality PCI services. All those wishing to make oral comments to the Board are invited to attend the public hearing on this application on one of the following dates:

Essex County:

Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Essex County College, 303 University Ave., J. Harry Smith Lecture Hall, Newark, NJ 07102

Ocean County:

Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Toms River High School North, 1245 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08753

Morris County:

Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Frelinghuysen Middle School, 10 Jane Way, Morristown, NJ 07960

Comments will be limited to three minutes per person, although written comments may also be submitted at the same time. The Board will take comments from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Comments must be limited to the topics regarding elective PCI that can be found on the Department's website at http://nj.gov/health/bc/public_hearings.shtml. Comments regarding other cardiac issues will not be taken at this time.

Comments may also be submitted in writing after the hearing. Commenters are urged to make their comments concise. Comments must be received by the State Health Planning Board no later than **three weeks after each public hearing** at the following address:

New Jersey Department of Health
Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance
Market & Warren Streets
P.O. Box 360
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360
Attention: Jamie Hernandez

The Board intends to review the testimony and comments at a future meeting once the regional hearings are completed. Notice will be published as to the meeting date during which the testimony and comments will be reviewed.

For further information, you may call the Department at 609-292-7874.