

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Meeting
February 13, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH	Camille Graham, MD
Richard Berger, MD	Lisa Green, MD
Debra Boyd, MD	Catherine Hughes, MD
Jim Davis, MD	Sandy Mendel, MD
Tom DeWitt, MD	Bob Siegel, MD
Manny Doyne, MD	Phil Walson, MD

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- No administrative issues were discussed.

II. STUDIES UNDERWAY

1. ADD/ADHD

- Some members are still entering patient encounters in the database located on the CPRG website. Dr. Doyne is currently working on drafting the poster for the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in May.

2. AAP Asthma Study

- The start has been delayed by the Chicago site and the AAP. We are hopeful to get things going by spring.

III. DEVELOPING STUDIES

1. Obesity Study

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in collaboration with AHRQ, has submitted a call for proposals entitled "*Prescription for Health: Promoting Healthy Behaviors in Primary Care Research Networks*". Under this initiative, PBRNs will develop creative, practical strategies for promoting healthy behaviors among patients in their practices. They have identified four health risk behaviors as the nation's leading causes of preventable disease: sedentary lifestyle, unhealthy diet, tobacco use and risky use of alcohol. We will focus on the first two risk behaviors and create a program to identify and overcome the barriers to counseling parents of young children re: activity and eating behaviors, aiming to prevent or reduce obesity in our patients. The group discussed the barriers to preventive counseling in their current practices. Several members offered their present strategies, such as clear brief messages during primary care visits.
- The proposal is due February 28, 2003. Members are invited to have input into the development of the project. Dr. Bernier is working closely with Dr. Joseph on this proposal.

2. OM Follow-up Study

- The follow up of the otitis media safety net prescription study has been launched and questionnaires are starting to come back. We solicited 30 community pediatricians and 17 CPRG members, and will offer feedback as soon as it is available. .
- Dr. Siegel reported that the manuscript submitted to *Pediatrics* entitled “Treatment of Otitis Media with Observation and a Safety-Net Antibiotic Prescription” has been accepted for publishing!

3. Surveillance Project

- We are still in the development stage of intake and output screens for weekly surveys. We will expand on this further after meeting with the steering committee in March.

4. Otitis Media Project - David McCormick

- Dr. McCormick and his staff are currently working on the grant proposal to be submitted in June 2003.

IV. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

- None at this time