

**CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**January 8, 2003**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH	Manny Doyne, MD
Kurt Bofinger, MD	Evelyn Joseph, MD
Matt Cornish, MD	Phil Lichtenstein, MD
Jim Davis, MD	Bob Siegel, MD
Tom DeWitt, MD	Ian Valerio

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- No administrative issues tonight.

**II. STUDIES UNDERWAY**

**1. ADD/ADHD**

- Dr. Doyne is in the writing phase of the ADD/ADHD community questionnaire we sent out last year. We received a 69% return rate of pediatricians polled. He informed the group that 600 patients have been entered for the patient encounter portion of this study.
- Dr. Siegel asked members of the Ohio Consortium if they were interested in participating in the study. There are 2 practices in Toledo that are interested. We will send a packet welcoming them to the CPRG.
- Dr. Philip Lichtenstein attended the meeting tonight to discuss a project he has been involved in for ADHD that could possibly tie-in with our own ADD study. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement put together a group of 35 practices from across the country to look at a set of instruments with the intent to see how practical it was to implement the AAP's evidence-based ADHD guidelines in a community setting. This is now the ADD toolkit available through the AAP, and will likely be incorporated into guidelines to be developed by CHMC in the coming year.

The second part involved training with resource recruitment and resource management focused on how to make use of mental health and educational resources within the community. The intent was to emphasize the importance of introducing alternative ways of management and looking at the most efficient model of delivering services, which was to have school-based multi-disciplinary committees that made the school the point of service access for the initial assessment of children. A pilot project was set up in an elementary school located in Covington, KY. Resources were created within the school to manage children that were identified with ADHD to improve academic performance. This project is about a "model of care". The CPRG could do a reassessment using the ADD toolkit, but we are not in a position to set up similar interventions in other districts. Dr. Bofinger brought up an interest echoed by others attending in the barriers for communication between providers and schools. Future research in ADD may focus on this area.

2. AAP Asthma Study

- Dr. Siegel reported that the asthma study is in progress and being piloted in Chicago. We should have recruitment beginning in March or April of 2003.

**III. DEVELOPING STUDIES**

1. Obesity Study

- Dr. Joseph is actively involved with planning an obesity intervention for a study next year. She gave an update of her meetings with nutritionists, psychologists, and representatives from Healthworks.
  - The pilot study will be undertaken in the next month or two. Please contact Drs. Siegel, Joseph, or Bernier if you are interested in working on an obesity study.
2. The follow up of the otitis media safety net prescription study will be launched in the next month.
3. The surveillance steering committee is meeting regularly to develop intake and output screens for weekly surveys. The group tonight had input as to what lab tests they order frequently. As the tool is further developed there will be more opportunities for input.

**IV. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES**

- None at this time