

**CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**December 5, 2002**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH	Evelyn Joseph, MD
Jim Davis, MD	Barb Kenney, MD
Tom DeWitt, MD	Susan Krug, MS
Manny Doyne, MD	Bob Siegel, MD
Melanie Houchell	Phil Walson, MD

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Website Update  
Dr. Bernier informed the group that she has updated the CPRG web-site with current information about our active and completed studies, providers, and other information.
- Consortium Meeting  
With the newly formed Ohio PBRN Consortium, we now have a listserv for posting information. Dr. Siegel is the "gatekeeper" of the listserv. Dr. Siegel and other members of the CPRG met with members of the Consortium with representatives from Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton and Toledo to discuss the Otitis Media project with David McCormick. He stated that the meeting went well.
- There was discussion about Ethics in Research involving human participants. We need to make sure that all CPRG providers are certified. We are investigating several options on how to conduct this.

**II. STUDIES UNDERWAY**

1. ADD/ADHD

- Dr. Doyne announced that 9 CPRG providers have met their quota of 50 patient encounters entered in the online ADD database. The total number entered is about 550. Dr. Siegel stated that various members of the Ohio Consortium were also interested in participating in this study. He will find out who wants to participate and inform Dr. Doyne so we can get them set up in our system.

2. Surveillance Project

- Dr. Bernier has set up a Steering Committee for this project. The committee consists of representatives from the CPRG, Infectious Diseases, the City of Cincinnati Health Department, and the Center for Naval Analysis. They had their first meeting on November 20, 2002. As a result of that meeting, she has designed a draft data collection instrument that is attached. Members at the meeting tonight went over the questionnaire and gave their comments. Dr. Bernier also applied for a supplemental grant to AHRQ on behalf of the CPRG for money to proliferate this program in other network communities in Ohio. Dayton, Cleveland and Columbus are onboard with us to do a similar program. The Health Department has also committed funds for this project.

3. PRINS

- The PRINS Study is actually completed. Dr. Bernier submitted an abstract for PRINS I to the Pediatric Academic Societies'. We combined our data with Cleveland's to give an overview of the Ohio pediatric research networks. The analysis of PRINS II data has just recently become available.

4. OM SNAP Follow-up

- We have IRB approval for both components of the study. One will be a survey of the practitioners that participated in the study, and 30 randomly selected community physicians. We will look at whether there were any differences in their use of antibiotics, particularly the safety-net prescription. There will some form of compensation for participants. Dr. Siegel stated that we also have IRB approval for chart review in participating providers' offices.

### III. DEVELOPING STUDIES

1. AAP Asthma Study

- We have subcontracted 2 research coordinators from the Clinical Trials department. They are Melanie Houchell and Kati Carter. We had hoped to start collecting data in February 2003, but due to delays in Chicago, we will probably start data collection in March or April of 2003.

2. Obesity Study

- We are planning a pilot study to have CPRG members survey their charts to get some baseline data on prevalence of obesity and BMI estimations. Dr. Joseph is actively involved with planning an intervention for a study next year and is continuing to have periodic meetings with professionals in this field to help design and set up a program. Dr. Siegel had heard there was money available from the Health Foundation for treatment of school-aged children for obesity.

3. OM Consortium Study

- The development of this study is progressing. Several sites have begun a pilot project using the severity rating tool for Otitis Media.

### IV. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

- Susan Krug, MS, from Gastroenterology and Nutrition, joined our group tonight to ask for our assistance with an infant formula study. This is a 16-week multi-center growth study of two soy infant formulas, one of which is supplemented with arachidonic acid (ARA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) (Formula A), and one that is commercially available (Formula B). The purpose of this study is to determine if the soy formula supplemented with ARA and DHA supports growth in healthy term infants to the same extent as a commercial soy infant formula. The study population will consist of healthy term infants between the age of 1-21 days old and randomized to one of two arms: Formula A and Formula B. Compensation will be in the form of free formula and a \$35 incentive for travel. Please contact Susan Krug at 513-636-7818 or [susan.krug@cchmc.org](mailto:susan.krug@cchmc.org) for more information.
- Barb Kenney talked about an alternative treatment for head lice. The Health Department has been using olive oil and high-fat mayonnaise for this problem with great success. Although they've been using this treatment for some time, it has never been studied. Dr. Kenney thought this might be an interesting study since there is a growing concern about pesticides being used on children for this problem.

Attachments: Surveillance Questionnaire Draft