

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Meeting
May 24, 2001

ATTENDANCE: Juliet Coscia, Ph.D., Kim Daly, M.D., Jim Davis, M.D.,
Evelyn Joseph, M.D., Barb Kenney, M.D., Michele Kiely, Dr.P.H.,
Sandra Mendel, M.D., Gene Robinson, Bob Siegel, M.D.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Update on Otitis Media Study
There have been 136 patients enrolled to date. The study will continue for another year. The goal is to have 240 patients enrolled. The study will end January 1, 2002.

2. Juliet Coscia from Psychology presented on Tourette's Syndrome
Juliet is a Neuropsychologist. She heard about the CPRG group from her peers. Juliet started with passing out a flyer about Neuropsychology. She then proceeded with a slide presentation. She is putting together a Career Development Award proposal. Juliet's goal is to be stronger in the research area and wants to identify children with Tourette's Syndrome earlier and intervene earlier. In her research project she wants to recruit 90 children with TS that will be comprised of the following:

30 children with TS alone
20 children with TS and ADHD
20 children with TS and OCD
20 children with TS, OCD, and ADHD

Juliet talked about the typical family: Mom has Obsessive Compulsive Disorder; Dad has a temper/tics. Typical referral is a 10 yr. old boy. Typical history is ADHD at age 5 and tics at age 7. Boys are generally at higher risk for Tourette's Syndrome.

She is looking for children between the ages of 7-13 to study for TS. There is a one-time involvement with child and family. The child will take a battery of tests. The family will receive a detailed cognitive profile and \$50 incentive for doing the study.

3. Phil Walson was present from Clinical Trials. Some of the studies that are currently going on are:
 - a. Draining ears
 - b. Asthma study
 - c. Chronic Pain

If interested, please call Phil Walson at 636- 5311 or 636-5872

4. Special Data Related Project Grant

Look at different ways for electronic data collection using:

- a. PDAs
- b. Web-based data collection

Physicians will use PDAs for one month, and use the web for one month. One of the things we are thinking about collecting data on is obesity. The question is, "Can pediatricians predict height, weight and obesity just by looking at the child?" Most pediatricians are using growth charts. We want to prove how technology can help pediatricians. We will know in September if the grant is funded.