

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Meeting
May 23, 2002

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH	Evelyn Joseph, MD
Sheila Cohen, PhD	Sandy Mendel, MD
Jim Davis, MD	Willie Ng, MD
Tom DeWitt, MD	Brian Saelens, PhD
Emanuel Doyne, MD	Bob Siegel, MD
Nancy Elder, MD	Mark Schuller, MA
Camille Graham, MD	Therese Zink, MD, MPH
Barbara Kenney, MD	

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Regional “network of networks” meeting at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, July 1st. Guest speakers Mort Wasserman, MD, Kurt Stange, MD and David McCormick, MD are expected. This group will consist of 25-30 people from the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton and Toledo areas. Dr. Siegel is holding 10 slots for CPRG members, of which eight have already been filled. Please contact Dr. Siegel if you are interested in attending at 209-0124 (pager).
2. Mark Schuller, Manager of Marketing and Recruiting, Clinical Trials Office, joined our group tonight to inform everyone of a conference on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1. The name of the conference is “The Clinical Research Puzzle II: Putting the Pieces Together.” This conference is for physicians, nurses, investigators, clinical research coordinators and all other health care professionals interested in research to provide methods of conducting clinical research in a Good Clinical Practice (GCP) environment in order to protect the integrity and rights of human subjects. If you interested in attending, please contact Allene Ford at 513-636-3232.
3. Dr. Bernier informed the group that we have four new members, Dr. Camille Crawford, Dr. Camille Graham, and Dr. Lisa Green from Mid City Pediatrics, and Dr. Ron Irvin from Pediatric Associates of Montgomery, Ltd. She has also approached the Cincinnati Health Network. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the CPRG, please contact Dr. Bernier at 513-636-0145. We have introductory materials to provide.

II. STUDIES UNDERWAY

1 ADD/ADHD

We have a 49% response rate from the community pediatricians/family practice mailings so far, and are gearing up for a third round to complete this portion of the study. Drs. Doyne and Davis plan to pilot the survey instrument for the second part of the study in a few offices in July. The patient encounter form is near its final form, and final comments were invited. We plan to have mainly web-based data entry, and may also have a written, scannable form. The goal is to gather data on 500 or so patients in the fall of 2002, so think about participating in this informative study characterizing ADD/ADHD care.

2. PRINS

The PRINS study is still in progress. We are in the 16th week of collecting data. If you are interested in doing the PRINS study, please contact Dr. Siegel at 209-0124 to sign up. The summer weeks from July 1-August 26, 2002 still have openings if you have not participated.

III. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

1. Brian Saelens, Ph.D. from the Psychology Department joined our group tonight to talk about his obesity study called Child Health and Natural Growth Evaluation Study (CHANGES). Dr. Saelens needs help recruiting 7-8 year olds for this study. Attached is an information sheet if you are interested. You can contact him at 513-636-3936.
2. Obesity Study
We are planning both a pilot study to understand how well providers recognize obesity in their practices (Dr. Mendel) and eventually an intervention study for young children with early signs of obesity risk (Dr. Joseph). The pilot study could occur this summer or fall if we focus on its development, and could occur in concert with identification of a subset of patients for the CHANGES study described above.
3. Children's Self-reporting of Asthma Symptoms
Dr. Bernier reminds the group of the self-reporting asthma study to begin in the coming winter. We received significant support from the AAP to participate in this study. Dr. Siegel mentioned that we will enroll about 150 patients from ages 6-12. You will be hearing more about the enrollment plans as it gets closer to our time to collect data.
4. A discussion of physician coping mechanisms and resources to deal with stressful experiences with patients was initiated by Drs. Siegel, Davis, and Joseph who were brainstorming in this area at the PAS meeting in Baltimore. Stressful experiences include everything from the loss of a patient to a bad outcome, a difficult patient/parent, or a medical error. There was particular interest in situations in which the physician feels in part responsible for the problem. There was interest in the group in understanding the prevalence of this problem and in clarifying it further with a qualitative study such as a focus group. Dr. DeWitt pointed out that Risk Management might be interested in funding such work. Interested CPRG members should contact Dr. Siegel.

Attachments: ADD/ADHD patient encounter form, CHANGES information sheet