

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Conference Call
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I. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Attendance/Scheduling for the followings meetings was discussed:
 - PBRN/AHRQ – in mid-July, Washington, DC. Bob and Jeanie are attending.
 - TRIP – in mid-July, Washington, DC. Jeralyn is attending
 - AAP – is anyone going, and should we try to present Surveillance? Web based data collections?
 - OPRC – we are hosting in the fall and looking at October dates – Friday – Monday. We need to know from the group what Fridays and Mondays you CANNOT attend.
 - Atkins Low-Carb Study kickoff dinner – scheduled for Wednesday, August 4.
2. CPRG Newsletter – the first edition of the CPRG newsletter was sent today in hard copy with a cover letter to all the non-CPRG participants, and by email to all CPRG members. It will also be posted on CenterLink and Medical Staff Central.

This current edition (Summer 2004) covers highlights from the Obesity Management Survey. Future editions will be published each Winter and Summer.

3. Papers

Drs. Bernier, Davis, and Doyne are working on the ADD papers
Dr. Siegel is submitting the Otitis follow-up paper.
Amy Henegan (Cleveland) has agreed to help write the PRINS paper.

II. STUDIES UNDERWAY

1. CHIRP Study

We have 63 patients enrolled, and probably adding 2 more this week. We are still enrolling for another month and hoping to reach 100 total. We need participants who are 7-15 year old asthmatics (excluding 9 year olds). Participants receive \$50 in cash and gift certificates for completing the study, and providers receive \$35 for every subject they refer that completes the study. Call Jeanie at 636-4946 to refer patients.

2. Obesity patient survey

This study needs more participation to achieve a good sample of the CPRG and to estimate the obesity prevalence in our practices. It was suggested by Dr. Davis that because of the prevalence of summer visits, this would be a good time to email a reminder to members to enter data.

3. Surveillance

We may get access to additional public funds.

4. Atkins Study

The dietitian has been selected and has begun preparations for the study. The brochure is in production and should be in offices by the end of July. Dr. Siegel would like site visits to begin in July, and enrollment to begin in August. Data will be electronically entered, but if an individual physician cannot enter data electronically for some reason, the forms can be faxed to the CPRG office, and will be entered by staff.

III. PROPOSED STUDIES

There were no new studies proposed or discussed.

III. OTHER TOPICS

1. Format of monthly meetings as a conference call.

It was agreed that the conference call format was a very efficient means by which to communicate; however, participation was still not as high as we would like it to be. The possibility of web conferencing was suggested, and may be tried in the future. It was also suggested that face-to-face meetings be scheduled quarterly for more personal interaction and conference calls held during the 2 months between. The quarterly meeting would be “ramped up” with a full dinner and may be held in locations other than CCHMC main campus. It was further suggested that agendas and other materials be distributed in advance of the conference calls, and this will be done in the future.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL – TUESDAY, JULY 27, 12:15 PM