

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Meeting
May 23, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH
Jeannie Bailey, CCRP
Evelyn Joseph, MD
Matt Cornish, MD

Manny Doyne, MD
Bob Siegel, MD
Sandy Mendel, MD

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- We welcome our new research coordinator to the CPRG, Jeanie Bailey. Jeanie is located at the Winslow building, 5th floor.
- Several of us attended the PAS (Pediatric Academic Societies) meetings in Seattle in early May. We presented three posters—"Pediatric Primary Care Research Networks in Ohio", "The Management of ADD/ADHD Patients by Community Pediatricians-- A Community Wide Survey", and "Changing Prescribing Patterns in a Community: A Randomized Controlled Community Based Intervention to Reduce Inappropriate Antibiotic Use in Children". We also participated in the Special Interest Group for practice based research (Dr. Siegel is the chair). The meeting was a great success.
- The group was reminded of the upcoming OPRC (Ohio practice based research consortium) meeting in Cleveland on June 9th.

II. STUDIES UNDERWAY

1. OM SNP follow up study data was reviewed with the group. In our first review we have found that there were no significant adverse effects from participation in the OM SNP study. Outcomes assess were hospitalizations, ER visits, ENT consults, PE tube placement, and transfer from practice.

We also found a reduction in antibiotic prescribing for OM in general, but not specific for the doctors who participated in the study. There were parallel changes in the self-reported prescribing behavior for both physician controls and study participants.

2. AAP CHIRP (a.k.a. asthma) Study
Dr. Siegel reported that the CHIRP study is in progress. Expect a contact and or office visit from the study nurses, Colleen, Shannen, or Melanie. Try to identify children ages 6 to 12 years in your practice who have had asthma symptoms in the past year and who can be approached about participating in this interesting study defining children's abilities to report their own symptoms.
3. ADD Studies
We are processing incentive pay for those who participated in the electronic data entry and will be closing the study to new participation in June of 2003. Please let us know if you wanted to participate but haven't been able to do so.

III. DEVELOPING STUDIES

1. Obesity Study

- The first two surveys will evaluate current diagnostic and management styles and evaluate our practice and network incidences of obesity through your active involvement.
- The obesity pilot study will be undertaken in the next month or two, and will be available for electronic data entry through a portal on our webpage cprg.org. Please visit the website as it is updated regularly. Under separate cover you will be sent instructions for your username and password and how to proceed. Samples of these surveys were circulated at the meeting but are near final at this point as they are being programmed electronically.
- Drs. Joseph and Bernier submitted a grant for a prevention program to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. We are seeking funds to develop an Obesity Toolkit for providers similar to the ADD toolkit developed by NICHQ and the AAP.

2. Surveillance

The surveillance steering committee has been meeting regularly to develop intake and output screens for weekly surveys. Soon we will have a demo available on our website for you to test and comment. We are planning to provide active members with handheld computers and wireless networks in the office to ease the data collection regularly. The more participants, the more robust our function as a sentinel network for public health purposes. Be on the watch for future announcements regarding this important study.

IV. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

- Attached is a study protocol from Cindy Molloy. Please review to allow your patients to participate.