

**CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**August 6, 2002**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH  
Kurt Bofinger, MD  
Kim Daly, MD  
Jim Davis, MD  
Tom DeWitt, MD  
Emanuel Doyne, MD

Jill Huppert, MD  
Evelyn Joseph, MD  
Sandra Mendel, MD  
Cindy Molloy, MD  
Bob Siegel, MD

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Dr. Bernier informed the group about a CPRG studies grid that was created to help us stay on track with our studies and stagger our data collection. We will include this with each month's minutes so you can keep up to date.
2. The Ohio Practice-Based Research Network Consortium occurred on July 1, 2002 here at Children's Hospital. There were about 30 attendees representing networks from Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. Relationships were formed and a list serve is being created for people that participated in the conference and members of any of the Ohio practice-based research networks to communicate with one another.
3. Dr. Bernier talked about HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) changes that will go into effect in April 2003. Issues are being brought up about privacy of patient records when doing research, even when done anonymously or confidentially. We will try to devise wording with the assistance of appropriate legal consultants and propose such wording to you for your patients' consent. There was discussion of whether to collect data on patients who decline participation as well.
4. A discussion about practice/practitioner surveys was brought up. Each provider was asked to fill out these surveys when they enrolled in CPRG. They were informed to enter the data directly on the CPRG website or fax/mail the surveys back to us. Currently there are only 6 practices that entered their demographic data on the website. We will use the PRINS 1 forms to retrieve some of the information we are looking for, but our goal is to have a single database that has everything in it (i.e., demographics, provider identification numbers, contact information, project participation, etc.), so that we can avoid repeated requests for information you have already provided. You may receive a phone call from Debbie Sakelos in order to complete your data in the coming months.

**II. STUDIES UNDERWAY**

1. PRINS  
The PRINS study is almost complete. We mailed out PRINS 1 forms to providers that didn't get a chance to do the entire study. We ask that members complete all forms and return to us as soon as possible. All data must be collected, checked, and mailed in for analysis before the end of the month.

2. ADD/ADHD

The first phase of this study is complete and we will be tabulating the results for analysis. Just to review, there are two parts to this study: (1) a survey sent to community physicians asking about their practices regarding ADD/ADHD patients (medications used in treatment, co-management, processes used in evaluation, additional interventions used, etc.), and (2) a patient encounter form that CPRG members will complete to study what is actually done in the management of ADD. The patient encounter form is ready to use and is being programmed for website data entry. It should be up and ready to use in about a week. There should only be one survey on any given patient. Each provider is limited to 50 patients for data collection. CPRG members will receive a letter and be contacted by Drs. Davis or Doyne explaining the study.

### III. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

1. Obesity Study

In July, Drs. Bernier and Siegel traveled to Washington for a meeting at AHRQ where they learned that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will be putting out a request for proposals of primary care networks promoting healthy habits. Our group's interest in studying obesity and our outpatient interventions would fit nicely in this request. Study development is proceeding with Drs. Joseph, Siegel, and Daniels (cardiology), and any other members as you wish. We will likely do a small pilot study to get some background local data for our proposal. More as it becomes available...

2. Asthma Study

We are committed to the AAP to look at how children and parents report asthma symptoms. We would also like to characterize the impact of tobacco smoke exposure on their ability to report accurately. We hope to work with Bruce Lanphear's group on a study they are already doing on asthmatic patients ages 6-12 and augment that population with our own asthmatic patients from our CPRG practice providers. We still have some design issues and need to come up with a sampling frame. We are looking to collect 150 asthmatic patients from our practices and may be collecting data starting in November.

3. Surveillance Study

We are still waiting to see if we get funding from AHRQ. We should hear something at the end of August.

4. Cindy Molloy, MD from Epidemiology and Biostatistics joined our group tonight.

- a. She informed us about the Center for Epidemiology and Biostatistics here at Cincinnati Children's that help develop our capacity for leadership in clinical and population-based research. The Center is a support facility that works on time allotment to divisions. We can use this resource to develop educational sessions for our members.
- b. Dr. Molloy is submitting a grant proposal to the Cure Autism Now Foundation for the study of Immune Phenotypes in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She would like to use the CPRG name in her proposal. Cindy is interested in using our diverse patient population as controls in her study. She needs 120 developing children ages 3 and above. She would like to put out flyers in our practices. There will be a \$20.00 incentive to participating patients to have a single blood draw that can be done along with other labs you may be ordering for routine purposes.

5. There was discussion about doing a one-year follow-up of our Otitis Media Study to evaluate the ongoing use of a safety-net prescription and if physicians have changed their behaviors and practice patterns. This would likely be a brief survey of members in January of 2003.

6. Dr. Siegel is pursuing a larger Otitis Media, safety net prescription study with David McCormick from Galveston. It would involve five PBRN centers in Ohio to gather data on 2000 patients statewide. More to come later.