

CINCINNATI PEDIATRIC RESEARCH GROUP
Minutes of the Meeting
December 9, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanie Bailey, CCRP	Lisa Green, MD
Jeralyn Bernier, MD, MPH	Evelyn Joseph, MD
Jim Davis, MD	Micheline Maamari, MD
Tom DeWitt, MD	Robert Siegel, MD
Emanuel Doyne, MD	Philip Walson, MD

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Micheline Maamari, MD from Mt. Health Family Center joined the group tonight to learn more about the CPRG and how we conduct studies. Welcome Dr. Maamari.
- The CPRG has submitted 7 abstracts for the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting next spring. Two abstracts were submitted for the ADD/ADHD study, 2 for the CHIRP study, 1 for PRINS II, 1 for Otitis Media SNAP, and 1 for Domestic Violence.
- Mark your calendars for the CPRG retreat at the Marcum Conference Center in Oxford, OH January 24, 2004 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We will focus on the future of the CPRG and discuss thematic interests. **[Jeralyn: you mentioned something about the CPRG being over-extended and we need direction. Do you want to say anything about that?]**
- Dr. Siegel reported that we need one of our CPRG members to represent the community at the AHRQ PBRN Conference in Washington, DC that will occur in January 2004. If interested, please contact Dr. Siegel or Dr. Bernier.

II. STUDIES UNDERWAY

- CHIRP - Approximately 29 patients have been enrolled to date. Our goal is to enroll 150 patients by next summer. If any of your patients had asthma symptoms in the last 12 months and would like to be enrolled in the study, acquire consent from patient and parents for the study nurse to contact them. Then call Shannen Nelson or Jeanie Bailey at 636-0393 or 636-4946 with pertinent information. Children must be 7-16 years of age.
- Obesity Pilot Project - Data has been collected on 240 patients for this pilot project. To participate, go to the CPRG website www.cprg.org, click on the Research Projects tab and you will be taken to the Active Studies screen. Scroll down to Obesity Pilot Project and click on login to the patient survey. Enter data to characterize the body habitus of a random sample of 2 to 10 year old patients in your practice. The child must have had a weight and height check within the last 6 months. If you do not know your user name and password, you can contact Jeanie Bailey at 636-4946. A new feature is being added to the login screen if you've forgotten your login information. Follow the directions on the screen and you will receive ID and password via email.

- Symptom Surveillance Project - Some members have had technical problems and we are working out the bugs with programmers. Jeanie Bailey has developed a tool for you to keep track of symptom complexes for the week and will be distributed via mail. The window to enter data has been expanded to noon on Friday through noon on Wednesday. All data is linked to the Cincinnati Health Department for awareness of any potential bioterrorism activities or unusual outbreaks. A new graphing feature and introductory text bulletins are currently being programmed. This is an ongoing project and we urge you to participate. If you've had 75% participation or more, you and your staff will receive a complimentary lunch.

III. DEVELOPING STUDIES

- Low Carbohydrate Diet - Dr. Siegel will be resubmitting the proposal with a new budget to the Atkins Foundation. We hope to hear from them by early next year regarding funding. Dr. Siegel reported that he is piloting the study in his practice and has had early success with patient weight loss. He stated that he is learning a lot by piloting this with his patients.

IV. NEW/PROPOSED STUDIES

- Rapid Strep Test - **[Jeralyn: I'm not sure what the purpose of this study is].**