

Minutes taken by Michael Marmura

Inpatient Headache and Emergency Care Meeting Minutes: November 22, 2013

Thank you to all of you that attended the meeting or the pre-course in Scottsdale.

Any of you who would like to be more involved in the section, such as undertaking a research project, contributing to the AHS website, ACHE or Headache journal, or by proposing and drafting guidelines please let me know.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss a paper to focus on inpatient care in those admitted for migraine or other chronic headache disorders. Given that there are already non-AHS guidelines for emergency room treatment and when to radiological studies in headache patients, we felt this would have the greatest impact.

Given that there has not been much in the past decade on the topic we proposed a narrative report to address the following issues:

1. What are the most appropriate criteria for a headache admission?
2. What medications (or other treatments) should be considered in adult patients?
3. What medications (or other treatments) should be considered in pediatric patients?

Ideally we would have 2 authors to address each section to review available evidence and write that section. See the recent nerve block section narrative report to see how it should be done. We decided against a position paper due to the fact that there are no placebo-controlled, blinded studies of inpatient treatment that would be considered a class I-II study.

Please let me know which of these sound interesting to you. I'd suggest we get a draft together before April and shoot for submission before next scientific meeting.

Other suggestions:

Virtual issues in Headache (editorial + selecting articles appropriate to that topic)

The ACHE website always needs content (300-500 word essays for patients)

I'm open to applying for another pre-course next summer for Scottsdale. Let me know if you'd be open to presenting at the meeting.

If you have any other concerns or ideas for the group, please feel free to email me at [Michael.marmura@jefferson.edu](mailto:Michael.marmura@jefferson.edu)