



**Women's Issues Special Section
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2006**

Present: Susan Hutchinson, MD, chair; Ira Turner, MD; Vincent Martin, MD; Gretchen Tietjen, MD; B. Lee Peterlin, DO; Christine Lay, MD; John Campbell; Sylvia Lucas, MD, PhD; Anne MacGregor; Guy P. Boudreau, MD; Elizabeth Loder, MD; Dawn Buse, PhD; Michael Stein, MD; Leah Ridge, MD

Staff: Molly Tritt

I. Welcome. Susan Hutchinson, MD, chair, and Dawn Buse, PhD, vice chair, welcomed the attendees.

II. Evaluations from Annual Meeting's section symposia on Women's Issues

- A. The evaluations were very positive.
- B. Dr. Hutchinson was pleased with the attendance.

III. Pre-course Proposal Selected for 2007

- A. Dr. MacGregor may be added to the faculty.
- B. AHS will provide honoraria for five speakers for the four-hour course.
- C. Dr. Joan Gallop, ob-gyn, could be invited to speak. Lee Schulman and Merle Diamond live in Chicago so they are possible speakers.

IV. Collaborative Relationship with Primary Care Special Section

- A. Dr. Jim Banks requested that the section assist with the promotion efforts of the primary care pre-course at the Miami meeting.
- B. Dr. Martin offered that there may be more opportunities for the two sections to work together.

V. PDA Study, Gretchen Tietjen, MD

- A. There are 10 sites currently participating. The goal is to have 100 from each site.
- B. Dr. Tietjen has submitted an abstract to the ANA.
- C. For both migraine, and non-migraine, the study addresses how important is the relationship between obesity and depression/anxiety.

- D. Dr. Tietjen noted that a little-funded study could present an interesting hypothesis.
- E. The goal is to be done in six months; aiming for 15-16 sites of 100 patients each. She is not recruiting for additional sites at this time.
- F. It is a study that can be conducted without a research coordinator on staff.

VI. Dr. Peterlin's Section Grant on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

- A. This two-part study looks at the frequency of PTSD in the civilian population for pain and laterality.
- B. Drs. Tietjen, Ward, Levin and Peterlin are now involved. Dr. Hutchinson is interested.
- C. It is a paper study with no patient identifiers. The target enrollment is 100 per site.
- D. Dr. Buse will send the details of the study to the section's listserv.

VII. Grants for Sections

- A. Dr. Tietjen noted that migraine research is not funded by the NIH or the American Heart Association. If anyone knows of sites where grant applications are accepted, please share that information.
- B. AHS Section Grants are \$15,000. AHS awards are very competitive.
- C. Dr. Buse wondered if pharmaceutical support could be sought through Dr. Baumel.

VIII. Overview of Grant Application process to AHS

- A. Dr. Peterlin wrote a brief description that she wanted to show the association with abuse.
- B. She listed the principal investigators.
- C. It was not time-consuming process. She re-formatted her IRB application.

IX. Migraine and Pregnancy Grant

- A. Dr. Loder submitted this grant to study what not to use for pregnant women.
- B. The section believed it was a worthwhile topic and that she should re-submit.

X. Dr. Stewart Tepper's wife has joined his practice. She was a psychiatric nurse practitioner before she became an internist.

XI. Dr. Hutchinson invited everyone to her room to assemble before Mummy Mountain.

XII. New Business

- A. Dr. Hutchinson chooses the morning time slot for the section to meet to optimize networking opportunities for the duration of the meeting.
- B. Dr. Lucas is working on an abstract to prepare a questionnaire for women soldiers. She has contacted Jeffrey Long, Dept. of Defense (DARPA), about studying the chronic pain resulting from blast injuries in combat. More soldiers are surviving because of the protective gear but not much is known about the lifelong affects.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Tritt".

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