

**Women's Issues Special Interest Section
Friday, June 23, 2006
Meeting**

MINUTES

Present: Susan Hutchinson, DO, Chair. Sheena K. Aurora, MD, James W. Banks, III, MD, Dawn C. Buse, PhD, Anne H. Calhoun, MD, Ellen D. Drexler, MD, Arnolda Eloff, MB, CHB, MMED, Leslie Kelman, MD, Zhicheng Li, MD, Elizabeth W. Loder, MD, E. Anne MacGregor, B. Lee Peterlin, DO, Gretchen E. Tietjen, MD, Tarvez Tucker, MD.

Staff: Leslie McGeoch

I. Welcome & Introductions

Susan Hutchinson, DO, introduced herself as Chair of the Section, and asked those present to briefly introduce themselves.

II. Review Section Symposium

The Women's Issues Section has presented Section Symposia for the past two years, but has not been accepted for a Pre-Course. Last year's symposium in Philadelphia was well received and well attended.

Dr. Hutchinson reviewed the symposium to be presented on Sunday at this meeting.

III. New Proposals

Those present agreed that the Section should submit symposia proposals every year, and should submit two proposals – one for a Pre-Course and one for a Section Symposium.

Collaboration between Sections to present educational programs was also discussed. James W. Banks, III, MD briefly described the Primary Care Pre-Course that has been accepted for the 2007 Miami Headache Symposium. The Pre-Course will present a multidisciplinary approach to treating and managing the difficult headache patient. There are a number of collaborative topics that could be included in this program, and opportunity to include them in different formats. Suggested topics to which the Women's Issues Section could contribute were management of migraine throughout the lifecycle, comorbidity of the mood, and abuse – how to improve the professional's comfort in asking about abuse and in referring the patient to appropriate resources.

The Section discussed potential topics for symposia proposals for the 2007 Annual Meeting. It was decided that the overall theme should be controversial issues, and that possible topics include:

- Use of estrogen in patients with migraine with aura
- Stroke risk with contraceptive use in patients with migraine with aura (this was also suggested as a possible study project)
- PFO
- Abuse
- Obesity
- MRI changes
- Sexual issues (suggested for Pre-Course, suggested speaker Murray Friedman or Merle Diamond in Chicago)
- Mood (suggested for Pre-Course)
- Oral Contraceptives and Hormone Replacement Therapy (Suggested speaker Lee Schulman)

It was suggested that the programs tap in to OB-GYNs and Primary Care providers, and provide information about the recognition and management of primary versus secondary headache. Those present suggested incorporating case-based learning, perhaps starting with a short case, then going through the case multiple times changing different variables that affect the diagnosis and treatment. Those present suggested that the talks could be presented as "state of" talks rather than a debate.

Dawn C. Buse, PhD and B. Lee Peterlin, DO volunteered to coordinate the development of the course. Other volunteers were as follows:

- Tarvez Tucker, MD – PFO (It was later suggested that the Section ask someone to speak who was not involved in the PFO study. Suggested speakers were John Edmeads and Nabih Ramadan).
- Anne H. Calhoun, MD and E. Anne MacGregor – Estrogen
- Gretchen E. Tietjen, MD volunteered to speak on any topic needed.
- Sheena K. Aurora, MD – pathophysiology and effects on excitability, etc. (suggested for Pre-Course)
- Dawn C. Buse, PhD – abuse (distant vs. recent, resources in community)
- B. Lee Peterlin, DO - obesity

Those present expressed a desire to have an audience response system available to make the talks more interactive. AHS Headquarters has looked into this and the cost was prohibitive, but it can be investigated further.

IV. Headache & Comorbidity Study

Gretchen E. Tietjen, MD reviewed the Section's comorbidity study. A cluster analysis has been performed on the data, looking at different scores for somatization, depression, chronicity, and disability.

Dr. Tietjen explained that the questionnaire for the study is administered on Palm Pilots, provided to the clinician by the Section. This is a good opportunity for clinicians that do not have a research coordinator on staff to participate in a study, as the information is collected and transferred through the Palm Pilots and no paper is used. There are no personal identifiers included in the questionnaire.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Leslie McGeoch