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**Women's Issues Special Interest Section
Conference Call
Thursday, March 12, 2009
8:00pm Eastern**

Present: Susan Hutchinson, MD, Chair; Ira Turner, MD; Philip Wakefield, MD; Dawn Buse, PhD; Vince Martin, MD; Gretchen Tietjen, MD; Todd Berner, MD; Elizabeth Loder, MD, MPH; Sheena Aurora, MD; Christine Lay, MD,FRCP(C)

Staff: Andrea Taylor

Dr. Hutchinson welcomed everyone and explained the main purpose of the call. The deadline for Sections to submit proposals for two available pre-course time slots in Scottsdale is Wednesday, March 18. A proposal was already submitted for IHC and is currently under review. Andrea confirmed that members of the Board of Directors are unable to participate as faculty in the Scottsdale Pre-courses. The Board of Directors meeting coincides with the Pre-Courses. Dr. Hutchinson suggested presenting an interactive, case-based course. Andrea will check with Linda McGillicuddy on the availability of an audience response system for the course.

Dr. Turner speaks on headache and sex regularly. This is a topic with plenty to discuss. Dr. Turner reviewed a case he had relevant to the topic. This could be one of the cases discussed during the Pre-course.

Dr. Wakefield is an OB/GYN who presents cases on post-partum headache. He would present a central venous thrombosis case from least dangerous to worst to awaken everyone's alertness.

Dr. Hutchinson is trying to get new faces on the podium and thinks the Scottsdale Program is a good place for this.

Dr. Buse suggested a presentation on the management of women with comorbid depression, anxiety and headache. She and Dr. Tietjen have data on the subject. Treatment and diagnosis could be discussed. Dr. Tietjen suggested discussing emotional abuse and neglect in the migraine population. This is more prevalent in women than men. Their data shows it is closely tied to anxiety and depression. Dr. Buse recommended sharing the data from the 14,000 AMPP respondents. The second part of the presentation could talk about the impact these factors have on the types of headache. Anxiety and depression can be tied to many other conditions such as fibromyalgia and irritable bowel syndrome. A patient with depression and anxiety tends to be a more complicated case.

Dr. Martin's idea involved emotions and pain. How men and women can influence different pathways and modulate pain reactivity through their different ways of expressing emotion. This talk might tie in with depression and anxiety. He also stated he did not have to be the one at the podium and said he would be happy to work with someone else like Dr. Lee Peterlin and have her do the presentation.

Dr. Hutchinson reviewed the topic ideas for the presentation. She asked everyone's thoughts on having 6 cases at 30 minutes per case then a Q & A period to wrap everything up. Dr. Aurora thought 30 minutes per case is too short. She suggested having less cases and having them 40 minutes each. After discussing this issue, it was decided that 4 cases would be better than 6. This would also more time for q & a. The following topics were selected.

Post-partum Headache (Presenter: Dr. Wakefield)

Headaches During Sex (Presenter: Dr. Turner)

Depression, Anxiety, Headache, Emotional Abuse/Neglect (Co-presenters: Dr. Tietjen and Dr. Buse)

Emotion & Pain: Gender Differences in Women vs. Men (Co-presenters: Dr. Martin and Dr. Peterlin)

Dr. Loder recommended having multiple short cases instead of one long case to illustrate different points about the topic. The theme for the proposal will be Case Studies: Women & Headache (subtitle: Life-stages, Comorbidities & Gender Differences).

The group will hold off on presenting a topic related to pregnancy until another meeting.

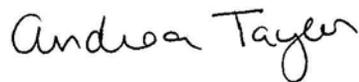
Dr. Hutchinson discussed the rebirth of the ACHE newsletter. She submitted an article for the first issue and encouraged members to consider submitting articles for future issues.

The group also discussed putting together guidelines in treating migraine during pre-pregnancy planning, pregnancy and lactation. Jim Banks, MD, Kim Oas, MSN, RN, CNP, Joan Golub, MD, and Dr. Hutchinson are involved in this process. Dr. Hutchinson asked for input from the section regarding content and format.

Dr. Hutchinson would like to have a bimonthly conference call. The call would be scheduled for the first Thursday of the month. Therefore, the next call is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 8:00pm Eastern.

The call was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Taylor".

Andrea Taylor
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