

Women's Issues Section Teleconference May 6, 2010

Minutes

Present: Peggy Moloney, Ira Turner, Dawn Buse, Gretchen Tietjen, Sylvia Lucas, Lee Peterlin, Michael Marmura, Deborah Carver, Charles Flippen, Michael Stein, Susan Hutchinson

The teleconference was begun at 8:05 pm EST. Dr. Hutchinson began by getting the names of those who called in to participate. She then congratulated Dr. Lee Peterlin, our next Chair for our Section. Dr. Hutchinson is stepping down after 5 years of serving as chair. Dr. Peterlin takes over officially as of June 2010. Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 25th at 7:00 am in LA in conjunction with the AHS Scientific Symposium.

Education: Dr. Hutchinson announced that our Section Proposal for a Case-Based Sunday Symposium for June did not get accepted but we have submitted the same proposal for the November 2010 AHS Symposium. The November slot would be for a Pre-Course from 2-5:30 pm so we would get 3.5 hours instead of the 2 hour time frame for the June symposium. Dr. David Cook is in charge of this case-based Section Program.

Our section is working with several other sections under the leadership of Dr. Elliott Schulman to get the topic of abuse on the agenda either as a main plenary session or a Pre-Course for June 2011. Gretchen Tietjen, Lee Peterlin, and Susan Hutchinson are involved with this collaborative educational project. There is a meeting scheduled for this on June 26th at 7 am in LA.

Guideline Projects: Dr. Hutchinson gave everyone an update on the Treatment of Migraine during Pregnancy & Lactation Project. Several individuals have not completed their part of the project which has contributed to the delay in completion. The areas still not completed are the following:

1. Triptan Use During Pregnancy
2. Simple & Combo analgesics During Pregnancy
3. Opioid Analgesic Use During Pregnancy
4. Anti-depressant Use During Pregnancy
5. Anti-hypertensive Use During Pregnancy

Those participating in this project include James Banks (who completed the Anti-emetic and AED Use During Pregnancy); Dawn Buse and Deborah Hill-Bussell (who completed the Behavioral and Non-Pharmacologic Treatment); Anne Calhoun, Sylvia Lucas and Susan Hutchinson (who all worked on the Lactation Section) and Christine Lay who worked on the Pre-Pregnancy Planning. Joan Golub worked in the Ergot Use during Pregnancy and now this will need revision in light of new information that has been published differentiating the pregnancy risk of the ergot alkaloids vs. the ergots, including new information from a recent MAP Advisory Board that some members of our section including James Banks and Joan Golub participated in. MAP Pharmaceutical

is in clinical trials with an oral inhaled form of DHE and is working hard to get a more favorable pregnancy category rating than “X” which is currently the rating given all ergots & ergot alkaloids. Dr. Tietjen states that our project may end up being either a review article published in The Headache Journal (similar to a recent guideline project on chronic opioid use) or could end up being more of an official AHS Guideline Publication as a project on serotonin use may be. For our project to be accepted as an official AHS Guideline Project she recommends we wait to complete our project until the new guidelines for Migraine Prevention get published this summer. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with the areas still not completed please contact Dr. Hutchinson at wbfpd@cox.net

Another guideline/advocacy project was to work the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA); this has been put on hold per PPFA for now. They will contact us in the future when they are ready work with us. The project will involve screening/diagnosis of migraine including aura in the PPFA patient population.

Research: Three published articles (lead author Gretchen Tietjen, M.D.) appear in Headache January 2010. They are research submissions based on the Childhood Maltreatment & Migraine Multicenter Clinic Survey that many of us were involved in. Also, Dr. Hutchinson congratulated Dr. Lee Peterlin on her published paper in Headache 2010 regarding Obesity and Migraine. A longitudinal clinical multicenter survey re: women & headache for our section to participate is on hold partly due to lack of funding.

Patient Education: Dr. Hutchinson encourages all members to review both the ACHE and the AHS website; to submit suggestions and contribution to increase the value to patients and AHS members. Dawn Buse is on the electronic media committee for both websites and encourages members to submit information to her for posting on the website.

Membership: Dr. Hutchinson states we continue to have a large number of members in our Women’s Issues Section. She would like to see us have more Ob/Gyn’s as members and to encourage visibility for local primary care including Ob/Gyn’s when we offer a Pre-Course. One suggestion is to allow registration & attendance for a low fee to attend just the Pre-Course for local primary care providers. This would also serve to increase visibility of AHS for new members.

Other Business: Dr. Michael Stein asked about the use of bioidentical hormones in our migraine patients. Dr. Lee Peterlin suggested he contact Dr. Wade Cooper who is doing a lot of work in this area. Dr. Hutchinson explained that bioidentical hormones would mean that the chemical structure of the hormone is identical to what a woman’s own ovaries produce, e.g. estradiol and that there are many FDA-approved hormonal products that are bioidentical. Many women patients think bioidentical only refers to compounded products. Dr. Hutchinson is working on a CME Power Point on Menopause & Hormone Therapy and would be happy to share some information she has including the American College of OB/GYN (ACOG) guidelines on the use of bioidentical products; for any interested, simply email her at wbfpd@cox.net

There being no further business to discuss, the teleconference was adjourned by Dr. Hutchinson at 8:45 pm EST.

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