



**Women's Issues
Special Interest Section
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2002**

Present: Gretchen Tietjen, MD (Chair); Maria-Carmen Wilson, MD; Gery Florek, MD; Sara Sacco, MD; Vincent Martin, MD; Leslie Kelman, MD; Susan Rubin, MD; Jeanetta Rains, PhD; Susan Hutchinson, MD; Lynne Geweke, MD; Glen Solomon, MD; Dan Lemyre (staff)

- Dr. Tietjen welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by presenting a few ideas for discussion:
 1. Slides for talks on women's issues should be centered around topics such as menstrual issues, pregnancy issues, lactating, menopause, stroke and oral contraceptives.
 - a) Dr. Loder will coordinate the materials that are submitted. Please make sure that no copyrighted material is submitted to Dr. Loder.
 - b) There are some relevant slides from the Neurology Ambassador Program™ (NAP), but there was no section of the NAP that was devoted to this subject.
 - c) Slides (as PowerPoint files) sent to Dr. Loder could include speaker notes as well.
 - d) Dr. Tietjen will forward Dr. Loder's contact information to Section members via the listserv.
 2. A symposia on women's issues that covered the following topics may be of benefit as a pre-course at the annual scientific meeting: effects of estrogen and hormonal changes in menopause; safety of prescription medications during pregnancy; physiologic effects of PMS; effects of current therapies and prescriptions; fibromyalgia.
 - a) This kind of symposia would likely be more successful as a pre-course or a satellite to an existing symposia rather than a stand-alone.
 - b) The program would probably work best by bringing in specialists from different disciplines to discuss each topic in detail with expertise. Possibilities mentioned included Vivian Dickerson (Ob/Gyn), Nancy Taft (Reproductive Endocrinologist) and AHS members that are usually not on faculty.
 - c) Next step would be to begin development of a program. Dr. Tietjen will coordinate action through the listserv.
 3. A data collection/research project was also discussed.
 - a) Data collected could include menstrual irregularities, how common is menorrhagia, hormonal problems, etc. Analysis of this data would be a huge undertaking.
 - b) The next step would be the development of the questionnaire.
 - c) A few different data collection projects will be posted to the listserv and Section members can choose according to their interest. Studies should include at least one month of data from a healthy control group. Studies should be specific to age groups.
- Further action and follow-up on all projects will be done via listserv.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dan Lemyre