



AAP-CA3 Infectious Disease Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

AAP-CA3 Conference Room at 6:00pm

Attending: Loubaba Adlouni MD, Greg Blaschke MD, Eyla Boies MD, John Bradley MD, Adam Breslow MD, Megan Kennedy, Meredith Kennedy, Michelle Leff MD, Rich McNeal MD, Ken Morris MD, Mark Sawyer MD (Chair), Dean Sidelinger MD, Howard Taras MD, and Joe Zwass MD.

I. Introductions and purpose of the meeting

1. This is the first meeting of the ID Committee in several years. The intent is to have regular meetings and a more formal process for ID Committee activities. The ID committee is open to all medical groups. New members may join at any time. The goal is to have two representatives from each local group participate.

II. Structure of the ID Committee

a. How can the ID Committee be most useful to the Chapter Membership?

1. Help standardize tools and communication among local pediatricians. Establish a structure for sharing the information and help disseminate ID information to colleagues.
2. Address inconsistent information among providers who serve children (schools, pediatricians, etc...). Help clarify problematic or controversial information.
3. Be a sounding board and advisor for facts, a resource for news and media sources (in a proactive manner). Be able to provide a quick response for issues that surface in the newspaper and other hot topics.
4. Can we be proactive about information flow?
5. Discuss usual and unusual cases – share vignettes with Chapter members.
6. Create an ID page on the AAP website or establish a member blog to discuss current issues.
7. All agreed that email is the best way to disseminate information. Suggested emails be non-regular and without links so members remain interested in the list serve. The ID list serve will be different than AAPCA3's Coastal Currents. Topics will include local issues.
8. Help condense information from multiple, and sometimes conflicting, sources such as the State, AAP, CDC, etc...

b. What sort of activities or projects could the ID Committee undertake?

1. Review cases
2. Discuss ID controversies
3. Disseminate clinical trial information

c. How should the activities of the ID Committee be disseminated to the Chapter members?

1. Chapter members can provide feedback from the field to the Committee. The committee can share local topics with the Academy. Committee can serve as a conduit for information sharing. Discussion about EMAN (now CAHAN).

d. Potential meeting activities

1. Suggest an Immunization book, such as Paul Offit's, as a book club selection for pediatricians or the larger community (through KPBS).

- i. ID updates
- ii. Interesting ID cases submitted by the members
- iii. ID controversies
- iv.???

2. How frequently should the ID Committee meet? Quarterly and when need arises.

e. Composition of the committee

1. Dr. Blaschke suggests inviting Dr. Bron Anders to participate in the committee as she works with international health groups, young physicians and medical students. Dr. Blaschke suggested a possible joint meeting between the international group and the AAP ID committee to discuss cases and situations.
2. Group members suggested adding a Practicing Generalist to the committee.
3. Invite an AAFP member. Perhaps contact the local Family Practitioner programs (Pendleton, Scripps).

III. Update on the upcoming influenza season

1. Seasonal influenza vaccine
2. Novel H1N1 (Swine) influenza
 - i. Epidemiology in the U.S. and in the Southern Hemisphere
 - ii. Virus Characteristics
 - iii. Vaccine Plans
 - ✓ Vaccine Availability
 - ✓ Process for obtaining vaccine
 - ✓ Expected Vaccine Schedule
 - ✓ Potential alternative vaccine delivery sites
 - ✓ Integration with seasonal vaccine
3. See Mark's slide presentation.
4. Group requested a statement from national AAP on direction for treating cases.
5. Discussed the timing for vaccine delivery.
6. The vaccine should be treated like any other flu vaccine.
7. Discussed distribution of the vaccine. The county is responsible for distributing the vaccine which is coming from the CDC The vaccine will be free, and administration fees/reimbursement rates are currently being negotiated. All Pediatricians/providers who will be administering the vaccine need to be registered with the state in order to receive the product. The group suggested we circulate information on how to sign up with for the vaccine in Coastal Currents. We can also notify OB-GYNs and hospitals about the process. ****ACTION:** Send info via Coastal Currents about how to get vaccine, sign-up for CAHAN & guidelines.
8. Discussed the efficacy of rapid tests to detect the virus.
9. Discussed interaction between the County Health Department, Pediatricians and schools regarding the increase in flu cases anticipated for the fall. The group will begin a list of triage criteria for school nurses on when to send a child with symptoms to the doctor. The doctor's offices will also be aware of the school criteria so that parents don't receive conflicting information between the school and doctors office. ****ACTION:** Dr. Adlouni will begin the list of criteria for sending school children to the doctors related to the flu.

IV. Future topics for discussion

V. Next Meeting date: **October 6, 2009 at 6PM at the AAP-CA3 Conference Room**