

DIALYSIS WG 2014 PROGRAM

CME activity:

During the ESPN Annual Meeting in Porto 2014: Dialysis Master Class

Proposed projects/activities:

1. ESPN Website educational material: update EPDWG guidelines/ recommendations already present in the website
2. Dialysis training activities: list of the centers and tutors available over Europe to be prepared. Minimal requirements and standards of the centers to be discussed with the ESPN Council
3. European Pediatric Dialysis Course in early 2015 in Italy (A.Edefonti, F.Pagialonga)

Studies in specific areas:

1. Studies of hemodiafiltration (R. Shroff):
 - a. Pre vs. post dilution HDF study
 - b. 3-year trial of HDF vs. HD
2. Study of adapted PD (M. Fischbach, C.P.Schmitt): the protocol is under drafting and a pilot study is foreseen in a few centers in 2015/2016; it is supported by a grant from FMC

Registry activities linking with ESPN –ERA-EDTA Registry:

1. The feasibility of the following surveys/studies will be evaluated jointly by the ESPN Dialysis WG members K. Van Stralen, C Stefanidis and E. Verrina and the ESPN ERA-EDTA Registry Committee
 - Retrospective survey of transition of young adults from pediatric to adult centers
 - Prospective survey of transition of young adult patients and the system supporting them, to correlate clinical results with organizational aspects
 - Prospective survey on Plasma Exchange/Immunoabsorption in European pediatric nephrology units
 - Prospective survey of vascular access

CME Dialysis presented at the ESPN meeting in Porto 2014

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Dialysis Working Group report September,2014

The 2014 ESPN Dialysis Working Group (ESPNDWG)'s activities and objectives have been presented in a poster submitted to the Congress in Porto. The WG's activities are also posted to the ESPN website (<http://espn-online.org/dialysis.php>).

Educational activities

In 2014, the ESPNDWG has organized one educational meeting, held in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 6th of June 2014, in collaboration with the local Paediatric and Nephrology societies. In 2015, the WG will organize two more educational meetings. The first is planned to be in Milan (Italy), 23rd of January 2015 and will concern practical aspects of HD and HDF in children. The second is planned to be in 2015 in Greece or Turkey. An application for support of the Milan meeting has been already sent to the ERA-EDTA EuDial. The ESPNDWG has also organized the CME Symposium on Dialysis during the ESPN meeting in Porto. The slides of the presentations will be posted on the ESPN website. To be discussed with the organizers the possibility to include topics on dialysis during the IInd IPNA-ESPN Masterclass (Brussels, 2015).

The ESPNDWG can rely on an own budget of 2000 Euros. This funding has been provided by the ESPN on a 2-years basis and can be used for educational and scientific purposes.

WG activities linking with the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry

The ESPNDWG reinforces its intention to collaborate with ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry in common studies and projects. There is an ongoing study promoted by Rukshana Shroff about HD and HDF practices in Europe. Some data on HD and HDF practice have also been gathered by Marjolein Bonthuis, following the discussion at the ESPNDWG meeting in Amsterdam in June 2014. A collaboration between the two initiatives has been recognized as necessary. The Registry has now a busy schedule; however new proposals are still welcomed, like that by S. Bakkaloglu about the effect of the timing of dialysis initiation on patients' important outcome parameters. All the proposals have to be submitted to the ESPNDWG chairman and to the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Scientific Committee.

Proposed projects and studies

During the meeting of the group in Porto, the members made the following new study proposals:

- Retrospective and prospective survey of child-to-adult transition in European Dialysis Centres, in collaboration with the ESPN-ERA/EDTA Registry (promoter Alberto Edefonti).
- Survey about HD vascular accesses (promoter Licia Peruzzi). Licia will prepare, in collaboration with Sevcan Bakkaloglu, a draft for an ad-hoc on line survey and she will evaluate the possibility to post it on the ERA-EDTA platform.
- Guideline on Cinacalcet use in Children with CKD and on Dialysis. This project will be lead by Claus Schmitt, with Rukshana Shroff as supporting person in collaboration with the ESPN CKD-MBD Working Group (Dieter Haffner).
- Outcomes in children receiving early versus late dialysis (promoter Sevcan Bakkaloglu)

Before starting with the projects, promoters will have to submit a brief study description to the chairman of the group, Alberto Edefonti.