

Plan of activities of the ESPN DIALYSIS WG in 2016

Meeting of the Group: Athens, 24th of June 2016, 5.30-7.00 pm

Educational activities: Dialysis Master Class, Athens 24th of June 2016. The program has been defined and will be posted in the ESPN website.

Research activities: 1. With the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry:

- Topic accepted by the Registry: Time of initiation of dialysis and outcome in children in Europe (S. Bakkaloglu, C.Stefanidis): the required data will be generated by the Registry during the first six months of 2016.
- Topics discussed with the Registry representative (M.Bonthuis) in Brussels:
 - European survey on standards of pediatric dialysis care: (A.Edefonti, M.Bonthuis): the importance of such data for research and political purposes is recognized . M. Bonthuis will investigate the hypothesis of a common European form to be distributed to national registries.
 - European survey on vascular access (L. Peruzzi, S.Bakkaloglu): it may be done via the ERA-EDTA platform (L. Peruzzi as the contact person).However, the Registry is already working on this (trainee from Vienna).

2. Other research activities:

- European survey on vaccination policies in pediatric dialysis units (S. Bakkaloglu): forms submitted to the ESPNDWG and EPDWG centers, waiting for all centers completing the answers.
- Preliminary questionnaire on extra-corporeal modalities of desensitization of hyperimmunised children waiting for renal transplantation (F. Paglialonga, C. Schmitt): forms submitted to the ESPNDWG and EPDWG centers, waiting for all centers completing the answers.
- European survey on dialysis treatment modalities of children with Congenital Nephrotic Syndrome (R.Shroff, T.Holtta): a survey-monkey questionnaire has been proposed to the ESPNDWG and EPDWG centers, waiting for all centers completing the answers.
- European survey on hospitalization in pediatric dialysis units (S. Bakkaloglu): waiting for the modified version of the protocol after the group discussion in Brussels.
- 3H Study: all the ESPNDWG centers contributed to data collection and the number of patients needed for the study has been reached.

Guidelines

- Guideline on Vitamin D use in CKD and dialysis (in collaboration with the ESPN CKD-MBD group) to be developed, after the planning of the contributions in the meeting held in Heidelberg in November 2015(R. Shroff, G.Klaus, D.Haffner, E. Nagler)

- The update of the EPDWG guidelines/recommendations posted in the ESPN website is one of the aims of the group and will be done with the aid of an expert trained in the Cochrane Library and with the collaboration of the European Best Practice Guidelines Group. Due to the engagement with the CKD-MBD Group in preparing the Vitamin D guidelines, the first guideline (to be chosen) will be revised in 2017.

- Other guidelines:
 - Clinical practice guidelines on vascular access for hemodialysis : C. Stefanidis and F.Paglialonga have started the process.

Synergies

1. Synergy between the ESPN Dialysis WG and the European Pediatric Dialysis Working Group (EPDWG): three cooperative studies are in progress: the survey on vaccination policies, that on dialysis treatment of Congenital Nephrotic Syndrome and that on extra-corporeal modalities of desensitization of hyperimmunised children waiting for renal transplantation.

2. Collaboration between the ESPN Dialysis WG and the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry: S. Bakkaloglu and C. Stefanidis have identified together with Marjolein Bonthuis, during the ESPN Brussels meeting, one topic to be developed among those proposed so far to the Registry” Time to initiation of dialysis and outcome” and this is a first important step.

3. Synergy between the ESPN Dialysis WG and the ESPN Transplantation WG is desirable, due to the many common data regarding the same ESRD patients.