

Report of the activities of the ESPN Dialysis WG in 2015 (at 1st of September 2015)

Group composition

The group is composed by 16 members and 7 board, including the coordinator. Others, who are willing to join the group, are waiting for the regularization of their position in the ESPN.

Group activities

The WG's activities are posted to the ESPN website (<http://espn-online.org/dialysis.php>). They consisted of:

Educational activities

1. Pediatric HD(F) Day, Milan, 23/01/2015
2. Istanbul Pediatric HDF/HD Day 23, 24/4/2015
3. Basics of pediatric CKD and Dialysis, Wien 19/6/2015 (in collaboration with the EPDWG)
4. Symposium, Dialysis Working Group, ESPN Brussels, 4/9/2015
5. Master Class3: Management dilemmas in pediatric dialysis, ESPN Brussels, 4/9/2015

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

- Poster "Pediatric Dialysis Practice Across Europe" by R. Shroff, ERA/EDTA Congress, London, 2015
- Topics proposed to the Registry: the feasibility of the following surveys/studies will be evaluated jointly in Brussels by the ESPNDWG board and the Registry representative within the board:
 - Transition and the system supporting it
 - European survey on standards of pediatric dialysis care
 - European survey on vascular access (L. Peruzzi and S.Bakkaloglu)
 - Time of initiation of dialysis and outcome in children in Europe: early vs. late (S. Bakkaloglu, C. Stefanidis)

2. Other research activities:

- 3H trial of HDF vs. HD (R.Shroff): the study is going on steadily
- Study of adapted PD (M. Fischbach). a pilot study is foreseen in four centers in 2015-2016

- European survey on vaccination policies in pediatric dialysis units (S. Bakkaloglu): final protocol to be discussed in Brussels
- European survey on hospitalization in pediatric dialysis units (S. Bakkaloglu): draft of the protocol to be discussed in Brussels, support by the IPPN and ESPN Registry?
- Questionnaire preliminary to a survey on extracorporeal modalities of desensitization of hyperimmunised children waiting for renal Tx (A. Edefonti for F. Paglialonga and C. Schmitt)
- Congenital Nephrotic Syndrome management, with special focus on dialysis treatment: a European EPDWG and ESPNDWG survey (R.Shroff, T.Holltta)

Guidelines

- The update of the EPDWG guidelines/recommendations posted in the ESPN website will be done with the aid of an expert trained in the Cochrane Library (person identified, to be contacted) and with the collaboration of the European Best Practice Guidelines Group (already approached, happy to collaborate)
- Guidelines on cinacalcet use in CKD and dialysis: Claus Schmitt, with Rukshana Shroff as supporting person, in collaboration with the ESPN CKD-MBD Working Group (Dieter Haffner).
- Guideline on Vitamin D use in CKD and Dialysis: R. Shroff and G. Klaus, in collaboration with the ESPN CKD-MBD WG): first draft to be discussed in Brussels

Synergies

1. Synergy between ESPN Dialysis WG and European Pediatric Dialysis Working Group (EPDWG): areas of collaboration and cooperative studies identified by Enrico Verrina and EPDWG board in June 2015 in Wien: see above.
2. The ESPNDWG reinforces its intention to collaborate with ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry in common studies and projects.
3. Synergy with the ESPN CKD-MBD WG is mandatory, aimed at guidelines on common aspects of CKD and Dialysis care (see above). Synergies could also be identified with other ESPN Working Groups, for example Transplantation WG, as regards vaccination policies of children during the dialysis treatment.

Economical budget

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. All the sum is still available.