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PES Annual Meeting

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PES Members:

SCAMPs® are coming!! Improve the care of your patients by joining this collective scholarly activity!

PES attempted previously to gather outcomes data on rare conditions in pediatric endocrinology through SNoPE (Study Network of Pediatric Endocrinology), but, due to lack of NIH and pharmaceutical support, only limited progress was achieved. We subsequently examined the option of structured quality improvement programs to achieve the same end of increasing our knowledge about how best to care for our patients. Following presentations by three organizations who each are nationally recognized for such work, in April 2012, your Board of Directors selected the Institute for Relevant Clinical Data Analytics (IRCDA), a non-for-profit organization out of Boston Children’s Hospital that created the Standardized Clinical Assessment and Management Plans (SCAMPs®) platform. Initial SCAMPs® focused on standardization and improved resource utilization for specific topics within pediatric endocrinology that has grown to include most practices throughout New England. As a network, they have been successful at the creation, implementation, and execution of a growing number of SCAMPs® that have since expanded within Boston Children’s and Brigham and Women’s Hospitals, as well as several other institutions, among a wide range of both adult and pediatric subspecialties that are now engaged in these activities. The final contract with IRCDA and PES was executed in April 2013 to develop 9 SCAMPs® relevant to pediatric endocrinology over three years.

SCAMPs® are developed and led by physician experts and utilize the systematic collection of real-time clinical data elements targeted to improve clinical outcomes and optimize resource utilization in care delivery for specific disorders. Because this is quality improvement rather than research, it does not require IRB approval. A PES SCAMPs® Steering Committee was formed consisting of myself, Siri Greeley, Erin Rhodes, Karen Rubin, and Amy Wisniewski. Content experts were identified and subcommittees formed around the following three initial topics: 1) Estrogen replacement in hypogonadal Turner syndrome girls (Robert Rosenfield, chair); 2) CAH (Phyllis Speiser, chair); and 3) Pre-diabetes (Sheela Magge, chair). These initial sub-chairs were added to the Steering Committee, which also receives guidance from IRCDA staff and leadership, who hosted the Steering Committee for a day of instruction at Boston Children’s Hospital in the fall of 2013. White papers and algorithms have been written, targeted data statements agreed upon, and data forms designed for each SCAMP®. In addition, we created a prominent spot on our website to facilitate the dissemination of information and materials necessary for SCAMP® participation among all PES members. One SCAMP® is currently undergoing pilot testing at the subcommittee member institutions and will be released to the PES membership soon. The other two will be rapidly moving to piloting and then on to the membership. Once these are up and running, we will tackle the next three SCAMPs® topics. The website will have a mechanism whereby any interested members may propose an appropriate next topic to tackle through SCAMPs®.

This has been a tremendous learning experience for all of those involved and we are very excited to open it up to the entire PES membership. By the summer of 2015, we expect the first SCAMP® (estradiol replacement in Turner syndrome girls) to be open for participation by any PES member, whether in solo practice, as part of a private group, or in an academic institution. Regardless of setting, we suggest identifying a “SCAMPs® champ” at each site who can facilitate and encourage the participation of all clinicians within the practice. We plan to keep the PES membership fully informed through regular transparent communications – stay tuned!

Article in JCEM

In this month’s JCEM, you will find a Commentary article authored by Robert Rosenfield and the SCAMPs® steering committee describing the PES SCAMPs® effort to improve the quality, cost, and outcomes of the care that we provide to our patients. Look for this after April 4th.

Symposium

On Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 7 AM in the morning (yes it was not our choice either), the SCAMPs® Steering Committee will be presenting a 1-hour introduction to SCAMPs® for our membership entitled “PES SCAMPs®: Quality-Improvement Networking for Management of Endocrine Disorders.” I would highly encourage all who are interested to attend this important roll-out meeting. The agenda will be as follows:

• Introduction: How we got here
  – Morey W. Haymond
• Overview of a SCAMP® – what is the methodology?
  – Erin Rhodes
• SCAMPs® Cycle Using our Estrogen Replacement Therapy SCAMP®
  – Robert Rosenfield
• PES website and other support for your participation
  – Karen Rubin and Siri Greeley

MOC4 credit—most likely, but the mechanism is to be determined!!

We continue to explore the potential of obtaining MOC4 credit for your participation in the PES SCAMPs® program. We are actively working with the ARB and IRCDA to obtain individual MOC4 approval for each of our SCAMPs® to develop eventually our own PES portfolio to providing MOC4 credit. We will provide a more meaningful update at the time of the symposium.

This is an exciting new program for PES and we are optimistic that it will facilitate our working together to improve the care of “our” children and provide new insight into developing the most cost-effective and high-quality care. Should you have questions, don’t hesitate to contact me or any member of our Steering Committee.

We hope to see you on April 26th.

Morey W. Haymond, Chair of the SCAMPs® Steering Committee

On behalf of our Steering Committee members and Representatives of IRCDA