

Canadian Physiotherapists in Hemophilia Care (CPHC)

Membership

As noted last year, the CPHC membership has remained stable in terms of numbers of clinics represented, with the majority of our clinics retaining the same therapists – adding to a greater depth of experience across the country.

That said it does seem that significant turnover occurs every few years due to retirements, maternity leaves, and staff members moving on to different caseloads within their health care centres. As such, I would very much like to see the new team workshops organized by the CHS and coordinated with the annual meetings of our various professional groups continue every three years or thereabouts – open to all of the core team members who have less than three years of hemophilia experience.

One final note here – I am thrilled to be welcoming a therapist at our meeting this weekend from the newly minted adult clinic in Calgary.

Ongoing Projects

The CPHC continues to make client focused projects a priority, and greatly appreciates the support of Pharmaceutical industry partners as well as the CHS in our ongoing efforts in this regard. Listed here are the current projects either under development or recently completed.

1. Standards of Care Document (Funding by NovoNordisk)
(This project has been completed)
2. Clinical Mentorship Program (Funding by Bayer)
 - a. Designed as a means of educating therapists new to hemophilia care in a clinical setting. Each mentorship will consist of a three to four day clinical visit to an established centre of excellence.
 - b. The three training sites are Winnipeg, Toronto (Sick Kids), and Montreal (St. Justine). As such, we will have the capability to do both adult and pediatric caseload mentorships, as well as offering training in both English and French. Due to licensing difficulties in Ontario, Winnipeg and Montreal will be the preferred sites.
3. CD-ROM Learning Tool (Funding by Baxter)
 - a. An interactive case study based educational tool unique in the Physiotherapy care of hemophilia.
 - b. The subcommittee met in Winnipeg in December '07 to develop the case studies and follow up questions that form the basis of the tool. Two adult and two pediatric cases were developed, as well as clinical tips, and multiple choice questions leading the user through the acute management and long term care of joint and muscle bleeds.
 - c. The CPHC is now working with a company called Kaleidoscope in Toronto to produce the CD-ROM. The expected timeline is for the product to be rolled out to Canadian clinics by the end of the year.
4. CPHC Website (Funding by Wyeth)
 - a. The CPHC had been investigating the benefits of developing our own website to replace the existing Physiotherapy page on the CHS website. It

- was felt that this would give us greater control over the ability to add, delete, or edit content existing on the page.
- b. Finding both the cost and manpower commitments to maintain such a site to be unmanageable, the decision was made by subcommittee to remain on the CHS site. With upcoming changes to the CHS site the CPHC will have the ability to upload or delete content, and we are thrilled to be able to stay linked on the CHS site.
 - c. The CPHC section will be accessible via:
 - i. “Care and Treatment” on the left hand menu
 - ii. By our logo on the right of the page

International Activities

Several of our members have developed or maintained their involvement in Hemophilia projects on the global stage.

Pam Hilliard and Nick Zourikian have maintained their involvement with the International Prophylaxis Study Group (IPSG).

WFH Physiotherapy workshops in 2007 were conducted in Bosnia (Nick Zourikian), and in Belarus (Greig Blamey & Pam Hilliard). Another is planned this September in Azerbaijan (Greig Blamey).

Kathy Mulder participated in the Global Physiotherapy Initiative pilot project in Egypt.

Research Projects

As already noted, Two CPHC members are involved with the IPSG. In addition, JoAnn Nilson is continuing to head the CPHC’s project on mild hemophilia entitled “Creating meaningful messages for people with mild hemophilia”. The CPHC would like to offer our thanks to colleagues in the AHCDC and specifically to Dr. Carcao for their help in the process of recruitment of subjects into the study project. This project is funded by a Care until Cure grant.

As always, I am happy to hear from colleagues in hemophilia care and would welcome any comments or questions that you may have. I can be reached via email at : gblamey@hsc.mb.ca

Respectfully submitted,

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