

Meeting Minutes (Phone Conference)

ISHLT Pulmonary Scientific Council

March 14, 2011 - 11 am EDT

Chair: Lianne Singer

Present: Debbie Levine, Michael Mulligan, Christopher Wigfield, Shaf Keshavjee, Geert Verleden, David Weill, Patrick Evrard and Duane Davis.

Regrets: Roger Yusen, Christine Lau

Workforce reports:

Education (Chris Wigfield)

Chris reported that the Academy Course in San Diego is coming together nicely. As stipulated, senior members of the Society will be responsible for presenting all content. Final touches to be worked out include the audience response system, which should enhance the quality and investment in the program by participants. Chris will be reviewing all talks in advance. The content should include only those elements of care that are considered standard and state of the art while avoiding premature discussions of experimental therapies that may be coming down the line. This is meant to be a comprehensive working update and intended not only for junior members of the profession but also for those who have been out for a number of years. The course is likely to evolve and the curriculum and content may change for the next course as well as the level of seniority required to present. The major contribution by members of the education workforce in developing the core curriculum was acknowledged, and Lianne will advocate for their complimentary registration at the Academy in addition to highlighting their contributions there.

The planning process for ISHLT 2012 was briefly discussed. Symposium proposals will be discussed at the Pulmonary Council meeting in San Diego and members are strongly encouraged to bring their education priorities (eg practice or knowledge gaps, areas for debate) and topic ideas for discussion at the meeting. Symposium proposals will be reviewed and ranked by Council leadership and education workforce members in advance of the Program Committee's final selection of topics.

Standards and Guidelines (David Weill)

David reported that the standards and guidelines workforce had nothing specific to report and that the committee would meet at the ISHLT. Geert Verleden reported that the BOS paper had been drafted and plans have been made to discuss this at the ISHLT and subsequently at the ATS meetings, then on to the Standards and Guidelines Committee for approval and ultimately forwarded to the Board. The DCD paper that had been spearheaded by John Dark has yet to be circulated and is still pending review in Standards and Guidelines, although it has been approved by the board. Lianne will circulate this document. Duane Davis described the process for prioritizing guidelines and other Council projects, and requesting support from the board. Generating a priority list of guidelines will be an agenda item at the Council meeting in San Diego, and members are encouraged to bring their guideline ideas and proposals.

Registries and Databases (Shaf Keshavjee)

Shaf Keshavjee reported on the Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) Registry. Steady progress has been made, it has been approved by the board although it is unclear whether or not UNOS has provided full endorsement yet. Marcelo Cypel will lead implementation by the working group. Cost estimates for the roll out are being formulated and once it's been approved and the money has been allocated, the registry will be rolled out. The working group will meet in San Diego to continue to apply forward pressure. Questions remain as to whether or not participation would be restricted to ten active centers or thereabouts, or would be open to all centers for voluntary participation.

Lianne noted that there is no process for linking individual patient data to the ISHLT registry for centers who report through a third party (eg UNOS, Eurotransplant). This may be an issue for retrospective reporting of prior DCD transplant data to the DCD registry, and well as for the QUILT (Quality of Life) registry. Following the call, Marshall Hertz confirmed to her by email that this will be an agenda item for the Registries and Databases committee meeting in San Diego.

Communications (Christine Lau – unable to attend)

Debbie Levine will assist with writing an ISHLT Links article which will be a post-annual meeting summary of Council activities.

Quality of Life (Roger Yusen – unable to attend; Lianne Singer)

Lianne reported on the QUILT (Quality of Life in Lung Transplantation) registry. There is sustained interest but its implementation has been delayed by the search for a stable and cost-sustainable platform, time constraints, and the lack of a data linkage protocol for the ISHLT registry. Progress is being made on all fronts and a free web-based platform hosted through UCSF is being evaluated.

Development liaison (Patrick Evrard)

Patrick commented that the development liaison role and responsibilities require clarification. Duane will bring this issue to the board.

Other current projects:

Bronchoalveolar cell carcinoma (BAC) paper (Weill): This initiative appears to have stalled. Members on the call still thought it was of value and could be efficiently accomplished by a small core group. It will be discussed further in San Diego.

Antibody-mediated rejection (AMR) working group (Levine): A symposium on this topic will take place in San Diego, with the hope that the content will be developed into a manuscript or series for publication. Debbie will convene a working group at the ISHLT meeting.

Palliative care survey (Singer): This is a joint ACCP-ISHLT initiative which has received official project status and support from the ACCP. The abstract will be an oral presentation in San Diego. The manuscript writing is well underway. The manuscript is required to be reviewed by the ACCP, and the journal *Chest* has the first option to publish it.

Pulmonary rehab survey (Davis): This is a joint ATS-ISHLT initiative. No news to report.

Google group (Singer): This has been set up and is waiting for Amanda Rowe's approval to roll out. Lianne will check in with Amanda. Debbie Levine suggested a "case of the month" for education and comments on the Google group site, and agreed to moderate this.

New business:

Shaf Keshavjee suggested that we form a working group to develop guidelines for optimal ventilator management for donors. This will be discussed at the Council meeting, but was resoundingly endorsed.

Duane Davis suggested that we develop post-transplant care guidelines. This will also be discussed at the Council meeting.

Next meeting:

The Pulmonary Council annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 12:45-1:45 pm, Indigo 202 Room. Please note the unusual day and time! All council members are encouraged to attend, get involved and share their ideas for the Council!

Respectfully submitted,

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