

Audit Matters

1. Audit of first seizure clinic attendance:

Following some further experience with our standard data sheet for extracting information from medical records, we plan to have a revised version, improved, ready for the next AGM in January 2001. I am very keen to hear from anyone interested in developing this or who is working along similar lines.

Contact: **William Whitehouse**

2. Audit of seizure clinic patient and carer satisfaction

There have been a number of publications and surveys of 'client' satisfaction e.g. recently by Richard Robinson (Dev.Med 2000,42:387-391). A few years ago the BPNA audit group produced a standard parent satisfaction questionnaire for use in seizure clinics, although I am not aware of any published results using this tool. Anyone interested in improving and updating this questionnaire, especially in the light of other recent publications would be very welcome to contact me so that we can try and get something ready for January 2001. It would be a useful project for an SpR.

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3. Child's Glasgow Coma Scale and Guidance

More developments involving a users guide to CGCS and brain stem herniation anticipated by January 2001.

4. Management of Convulsive Status Epilepticus / Acute seizures in A&E

A further round of data collection using the current guideline is underway. Anyone else wanting to participate is welcome. The paper written by the group describing the evidence base for these guidelines has been published (October issue ADC)

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5. Dancing Eye Syndrome (Opsoclonus Myoclonus)

We are currently planning an MREC application for a three limbed survey and study of this condition along the lines of the BPSU notifications. Level one would be an observational study of the clinical details, presentation and management of DES, level two would in addition include a long term follow up study to evaluate outcomes and level three would include an additional biological investigation of underlying

mechanisms including blood and CSF sampling. Anyone interested in helping with this at the planning stage is welcome.

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6. Guillian Barre Syndrome in Children

Work on this has begun and I hope we will have a draft to circulate for discussion by January 2001.

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7. Ketogenic Diet: Nutritional and Biochemical Effects

A professional advisory group (KDPAG-UK) have been working on information sheets and data collection sheets for shared use. The Group is planning a national open meeting in Spring 20001. This is a joint Paediatricians, Paediatric Neurologist and Paediatric Dieticians Group.

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8. Primary Intracranial Hypertension ('BIH')

A useful data sheet for an audit, diagnosis and management of this disorder is still being developed, watch out for further news in the next newsletter.

Contact: **William Whitehouse**

9. Children's Headache Clinics

A working group of Paediatric Neurologists and General Paediatricians with an interest in this subject have had their first meeting in April, chaired by Ishaq Abu-Arafeh. We are developing a clinical data sheet to capture clinical and management data about children referred with headache. We will look initially at the use of diagnostic categories particularly those of the International Headache Society. Anyone interested in this is welcome to help.

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Other issues:

Anyone else interested in using the BPNA membership to facilitate multi centre or multi disciplinary audit and effectiveness studies is very welcome to contact me.

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