

*Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacists Network  
Meeting Minutes  
Quebec City, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2006*

Recorded by: Michelle Foisy- Secretary

Reviewed by: Debbie Kelly- Chair

**Members Present:**

B.C.: Linda Agaki, Susan Rudolph  
Alberta: Christine Hughes, Michelle Foisy, Kathy Lee  
Sask: Linda Sulz  
Ontario: Deborah Yoong, Alice Tseng, Lizanne Beique, Pierre Giguere, Natalie Dayneka  
Quebec: Maire Courchesne, Nancy Sheehan, Rachel Therrien  
NFLD: Debbie Kelly

**Regrets:** Laura Park-Wyllie, Tom Chin, Tony Antoniou, Kathy Slayter, Jeff Kapler, Jinell Mah-Ming

1. Presentations

Two presentations were given by external speakers. Dr. Roger LeBlanc provided an update on metabolic complications of HIV therapy. Ms. France Lebel from BMS provided a clinical update on atazanavir.

**Action: Michelle will ensure that the presentations are available to Alice for posting on the CHAP website.**

2. Conference Updates

Two presentations were given by group members. Alice Tseng presented a summary of CROI 2006 and Nancy Sheehan provided an overview of The 2006 Pharmacology Workshop.

**Action: Nancy and Alice to forward presentations to Alice for posting on CHAP website.**

3. Case discussion

Christine Hughes presented an interesting and challenging case on hepatic steatosis.

#### 4. Clinical discussions

- a) Triple therapy in infants born to HIV positive mothers.
  - St. Justine has had 1 infection of 250 infants receiving the combination of AZT/3TC/nelfinavir (Nancy)
  - Edmonton is also using triple therapy in high risk infants whose mother's have a VL > 1000.

**Action: Nancy to provide group with a contact name and reference for St. Justine's experience (if possible).**

- b) HLA testing for abacavir hypersensitivity reaction
  - GSK is sponsoring HLA testing for several sites in Canada- Montreal and Ottawa to name a few

**Action: Group members to circulate information on HLA testing in their sites if possible (protocols, budgets, contact researchers, etc....)**

- c) TDM in Quebec
  - Nancy presented information on the TDM program that is starting in Quebec. This program has been funded by the provincial ministry of Health and is available for all residents of Quebec.

#### 5. Group Membership

- New Members: Susan Rudolph (Oak Tree) will be replacing Dominic Khoo
- Change of membership status from working group to general membership: Tony Antoniou, Kathy Slayter, Tom Chin, Sandra Tailor-Walker
- No longer members: Dominic Khoo

Working Group Membership Criteria:

- geographical/ provincial representation
- active in at least one project every two years (not necessarily a research project)
- primary practice or active interest in HIV
- attend a minimum of one CHAP meeting every two years
- in general, there is space for 20 working group members

General Membership Criteria:

- any pharmacy in Canada can be a general member of CHAP
- pharmacists can be added to the list-serve for the e-mail discussions

- any pharmacist can attend the annual CHAP meeting, however travel grants are only available for the Working Group members

Allocation of Working Group Positions for 2006/07:

- There have been several requests and nominations for the addition of new pharmacists to the Working Group status. These include Linda Robinson (Windsor), Deborah Yoong (Toronto), Charles Laporte (Ottawa), Pierre Giguere (Ottawa), Kathy Lee (Calgary), Jinell Mah Ming (Calgary), and Cara Hills (Edmonton). In addition, there are a number of pharmacists in Montreal who might like to be group members. Some of the positions might be shared (share travel grant) with other members who are from a similar geographic area. It was decided that Calgary and Edmonton would each have 2 travel grants that could be divided as they see fit.

**Working Group Members for 2006/07 are (\*new members to be confirmed):**

**B.C.:** Linda Agaki, Susan Rudolph  
**Alberta:** Edmonton: Christine Hughes, Michelle Foisy, \*Cara Hills (share 2 spots)  
Calgary: Kathy Lee, Jinell Mah-Ming, Jeff Kapler (share 2 spots)  
**Sask:** Linda Sulz  
**Ontario:** Toronto: \*Deborah Yoong, Alice Tseng, Laura Park-Wyllie  
Ottawa: Lizanne Beique, \*Pierre Giguere, Natalie Dayneka, \*Charles Laporte  
Windsor: \*Linda Robinson,  
**Quebec:** Marie Courchesne, Nancy Sheehan, Rachel Therrien  
**NFLD:** Debbie Kelly

Allocation of Travel Grants 2006/07:

- There are a total of 20 travel grants available annually to assist members in attending the meeting. The grant has ranged from \$750 to \$1250 per member.
- It was decided that there would be 19 designated grants with 1 floating grant for the Chairperson.

Chairperson Grant:

- As compensation for chairing the group, the Chair will receive an additional \$2000 travel grant to attend a conference of choice.

6. 2006/07 CHAP Positions and functions:

Chair: Michelle Foisy

- coordinate CHAP 2007 meeting (? Toronto)
- procure funding, speakers for meeting
- review group membership roster (working group and general membership)

Secretary: Natalie Dayneka

- assist Chair with above tasks
- record minutes at CHAP meeting
- coordinate newsletter

Roster Update: Alice Tseng

Treasurer: Alice Tseng, Laura Park-Wyllie

Newsletter sections:

Newsletter Editor: Secretary

Research Update: Secretary (Natalie Dayneka)

Publications: Lizanne Beique

Conferences: Pierre Giguere

E-mail Correspondence: Marie Courchesne

**Action: Chair to determine location of next CAHR meeting and book meeting room and secure funding as soon as possible. Chair to contact new potential members and review working group roster. Secretary to coordinate 3 newsletters annually- fall, winter and spring.**

#### 7. Research Updates:

- it was requested that there be French translation of research protocols for interested sites
  - to be called a CHAP initiative, there at least 3 sites must be involved in collaborating on a project
  - not all projects need to be 'research' projects. The group can work on review publications, guidelines, clinical patient tools, etc...
- a) Nelfinavir TDM study (Nancy Sheehan)
- 5 sites are participating- B.C., Sask, Ottawa, Montreal Chest and Halifax
  - push in next 6 months to recruit patients
  - easier to do patients bloods if there are 2-3 patients at a time
- b) Steroid and Protease Inhibitor Interaction Study (Lizanne Beique)
- **Action: Lizanne to send out revised protocol to group for participants**
- c) Nucleoside backbone study (Abacavir/ddI and abacavir/tenofovir) (Christine Hughes)
- the protocol has been submitted to ethics and data collection will occur over the summer.
  - **Action: Christine to invite sites to participate in study**
- d) Tenofovir/ddI backbone study (Christine Hughes)
- the data had been analyzed in the Edmonton site.
  - **Action: Christine to invite sites to participate in study**

8. 2006/07 New CHAP Initiatives:

- a) Abacavir Hypersensitivity review paper (Michelle Foisy)
  - **Action: Michelle will review current work that a student has done on this topic and circulate to the group for input.**
  - Goal is to develop a clinical tool for diagnosis of ABC HSR

Sponsors of the 2006 meeting:  
BMS \$15,000 and Gilead \$10,000