

MUCOSITIS STUDY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, 30 June 2007

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Dorothy Keefe at 07:18.

Attendance Sign-in sheets were circulated and all attendees were asked to include their country and professional degrees.

Introductory Remarks:

Dr. Keefe remarked that the meeting had been viewed as extremely successful. The "Research Day" Work Shop as well as the mucositis session had been well attended and received. Comments have been very positive.

Agenda:

1) MSG web site: Dr. Raj Lalla

The MSG web site continues to be refined and updated. The site includes meeting presentations, links to publications, and mucositis guidelines.

Dr. Lalla will be working to provide "free" links to the updated guidelines publication.

2) MSG activities

a) **The MSG Research Day Work Shop** was reviewed and discussed. 46 persons had registered and 56 attended. 16 research presentations were given with 7 associated discussant sessions.

The most frequent comment was that we needed more time to discuss the research presentations.

Suggestions and comments submitted by attendees have been reviewed. This program can hopefully be repeated next year. The current plan will be to present 10 papers with fixed times for questions and discussion. Additional comments/discussion included:

a) trying to integrate into "main meeting time"

b) need to plan time to hold work shop at Houston meeting and determine how much "space" we need.

c) foster collaborative research ideas (Dr. Donnelly)

d) share/export this concept to other groups

It will be important to look for sponsorship for next year's work shop,

CuraGen's generous support of this year's work shop was noted!!

b) **Mucositis Guidelines Update** was discussed in detail. We are now 2 years post last review. It was felt that the 2009 meeting in Rome would appear to be a logical time to carry out next update. The necessity and practicality of an update will be driven by what has been published. To keep on top of literature, it was suggested that searches could be run every months and forwarded to section heads. Literature could then be reviewed on a on-going basis and thus reduce the load on the groups right before the guidelines meetings. The need to notify the Rome planning group that we would need rooms 2 days before the meeting for this activity. The need for fund raising was also briefly discussed.

c) **Burden of Illness Study:** Dr. Keefe provided a brief update of the progress of this study. Accrual is progressing (~65%) and abstracts and posters are being produced with several interesting trends being noted for mucositis in treatment groups not usually associated with mucositis. Amgen's involvement and support were discussed.

d) **Oral Care Study Group:** Drs. Brennan and Spijkervet presented an update on the progress of their group's systematic review of the literature, including efforts to obtain funding support of the review (a U-13 NIH/NIDCR grant is being submitted to support the meeting for this activity).

e) Other discussion:

1) Mucositis Guidelines Implementation Tool: Progress and future activities were discussed. Dr. Elting's protocol was also discussed and Drs. Elting and Keefe will work on plan for moving ahead.

Future MASCC Meeting Planning for MSG

MSG: Houston MASCC Meeting Plans

- a) There was overwhelming consensus to support the repeat of the research workshop
 - pre meeting remains the most reasonable time to hold this session despite the impact on attendees relative to time commitment and costs.
 - arrange to get meeting space (Dr. Elting to pursue since she is on the local arrangements committee. (Tuesday, June 24, of that week will be targeted)
 - relative to session questions that arose were:
 - a) what number of abstracts should be presented?
 - b) how much time should be allowed for each abstract?
 - c) how should we structure presentation/discussion/discussants within the time constraints (which will obviously impact the number of presenters)?
 - d) should presentations be limited to junior investigators or should senior Investigators be included on program?

Rome, 2009: Plan for Mucositis Guidelines up date

Vancouver, 2010: too early to comment on.