

MASCC Pediatric Study Group newsletter January 2008

Dear friends

First of all, happy new year. Hope you all will enjoy a lovely 2008 and we really hope our pediatric study group of the MASCC will be fruitful over the coming years. And all of you can make this happen.

Another 4 weeks to go before abstract submission for the MASCC 2008 in Houston Texas (15 Feb 2008), and as was also written in the newsletter of the MASCC an essential role will be given to the study groups, which means we can hand in abstracts and then we can see if we can group them in topics and hand them in as such to the organization.

So this letter is a serious request to respond to the group A) if you are coming to Texas? B) Can you present the research you are busy with at the moment, or you have just finished doing. Deadline is Feb. 15th Go to the MASCC web site for abstract submission. If you respond to us before the 1st of Feb 2008 we, as chair and co-chairs, will try and put together an interesting symposium from the pediatric study group and present this to the organizing committee

Do not hesitate; respond as soon as possible.....

Current activities

As you know we are trying to setup a phase I/II trial with Schering/Plough on the use of an NK1 antagonists in children with cancer. We have still not succeeded in starting this trial, but we think all members of the pediatric study group realize the importance of such a trial, so we are trying our utmost.

R. Butler keeps busy with the mucositis trials and would like to extend these studies to groups in other countries if funding is adequate.

M. van de Wetering would like to see more members of the pediatric study group writing a systematic review (in 2007 she has been writing systematic reviews on : the effectivity of influenza vaccination in children with cancer, the use of granulocyte transfusions in children with cancer, MBL deficiency in children with cancer). During the study groups meetings it was obvious that a systematic review is needed on antiemetic use in children with cancer.

If interested in helping, respond to the following address: chcrg@amc.uva.nl

Conclusion:

If any members would like topics dealt with in this study group, or who would like to discuss the research they are busy with at the moment, let us know
Together we will improve the quality of the MASCC pediatric study group
So let us aim for a nice programme in Houston Texas MASCC 2008

Kind regards. A.Altmann (chair), M van de Wetering & R Butler (co chairs)