

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Special Interest Group (SIG) Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH)
15.11.2012
Sheraton Hotel and Resort
Abu Dhabi, UAE



In attendance:

Aosama Abdullah (AA)
Ghada Alameen (GA)
Alan Dickson (AD)
Mario De Gennaro (MDG)
Giovanni Mosiello (GM)
Mario Patricolo (MP)
Sabahat Asim Wasti (SAW)

- 1 – Introductions.
- 2 – Minutes of the previous Meeting, approved.
- 3 – MP summarised history of the SIG-SBH.
- 4 – AW+MDG highlighted importance of developing Integrated Care Pathways (ICP's) supported by the cooperation of different specialities within our SIG.
- 5 – AD suggested a “Sample Project” with the aim of updating and standardizing SBH care in one geographical “Area of Need” (E.G. Lithuania). The project should involve teaching how to organize and run SB/Continenence multidisciplinary clinics, how to obtain information and how to obtain resources and also should involve coaching CIC training and bowel management.
- 6 –MDG recommended that we don't publish online new guidelines, for neurogenic bladder or neurogenic bowel. ICCS has already published guidelines and we can adopt them. All agreed to the removal of old Guidelines from www.wfnr.co.uk. GM mentioned the need for translation of all documents/charts, etc. and also the need for culturally adjusted ICP's.
- 7 – MDG+MP suggested that we draw a “blue-print” of ICP's focused on care objectives (e.g. detrusor sphincter dyssinergia). A starting point would be to identify 10 or more care objectives. MDG also recommended that we identify 5-10 “Sample Countries” and a small number of “Partner Cities.”
- 8 – GM suggested that, it is better to include in the SB/Continenence Clinics, 3 specialities rather than 5, then referring cases to other specialities, if required.
- 9 – MP+AW mentioned to the ICP used in USA by Prof. David Nash, who has an Integrated Clinic (Paediatrics, Paediatric Urology, Physical Medicine and Neurorehabilitation, Nephrology, Physiotherapy, Psychology etc.).
- 10 – MDG agreed with the structure proposed by GM: Surgeon/Urologist; Neurorehabilitation; Continenence Advisor, but highlighted the role of Psychological Counselling in selected cases.
- 11- Meeting Adjourned.