

Education and Training Subcommittee Report



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**DACHDNC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2013**

Subcommittee Charge



- Review existing educational and training resources, identify gaps, and make recommendations regarding five groups:
 - Parents and the public
 - ✦ Parents
 - ✦ The public
 - Health professionals
 - ✦ Health professionals
 - ✦ Screening program staff
 - ✦ Hospital/birthing facility staff

Education and Training Subcommittee Members



- **SACHDNC Members**

- Don Bailey (chair) Catherine Wicklund
- Stephen McDonough Jeffrey Botkin
- Joe Bocchini

- **Organization Representatives to SACHDNC**

- Frederick Chen (AAFP) Adam Kanis (DoD)
- Beth Tarini (co-chair) (AAP) Natasha Bonhomme (GA)
- Nancy Rose (ACOG) Lisa Bujno (AMCHP)
- Cate Vockley (NSGC)

- **Federally-Funded Grantees**

- Joyce Hooker (Regional Collaboratives)

- **Consultant Members**

- Emily Drake (birthing facility) Joan Scott (professional training)
- Jeremy Penn (parent) Deborah Rodriguez (state lab)
- Jacque Waggoner (parent)

Priority: Promote newborn screening awareness among the public and professionals



- **Current activities**

- Support and provide input on the 2013 Newborn Screening Awareness Campaign plans and activities
- Identify ongoing strategies for NBS awareness after 2013

Campaign Activities



- NBS Exhibits
- 2013 NBSGT/ISNS Meeting – May 5-10
- Website/ PSAs
- Coffee table and e-book
- Educational brochures
- Media coverage
- DC Reception and Awards Ceremony
- Social media outreach



QUESTION: What should be the focus of our post-campaign awareness activities?



- Our focus thus far has been on promoting awareness among the general public and professionals
- What is the most pressing awareness need in the next few years?

Priority: Provide better guidance for advocacy groups and others regarding the nomination and review process



- **Original Project**

- Develop public-friendly summaries of previously conducted evidence reviews as well as evidence review nominations that have not gone forward

- **Problem**

- The nomination and review process has evolved since the committee was first formed, and the lessons learned from earlier failures might not be as helpful as a forward looking document

- **Revised Project**

- Prepare a public-friendly summary of the nomination and review process
- Goal: Support future nominators in preparing successful application packages

Guidance Document Timeline



- **Original Timeline**

- Summer, 2012 Activity proposed and framed
- Fall-Spring, 2013 Draft documents prepared by Atlas Research
- Summer, 2013 CRW and E&T document revision
- September, 2013 Draft document to DACHDNC

Revised Activity



- Interview experts closely associated with the committee and familiar with the review process
- Review existing framework and guidance documents
- Prepare “snapshot” summary document based on this review and the interviews

Experts Interviewed



- Joseph Bocchini, MD, Committee Chair
- Rodney R. Howell, MD, former Committee Chair
- Don Bailey, PhD, Committee Member and E&T Chair
- Natasha Bonhomme, E&T Subcommittee member and Committee organizational representative from Genetic Alliance
- Susan Tanksley, PhD, Condition Review Workgroup member and Committee organizational representative from APHL
- Beth Tarini, MD, Committee organizational representative from AAP and E&T Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Alex Kemper, MD, Condition Review Workgroup Chair
- Nancy Green, MD, Nomination & Prioritization Workgroup and Condition Review Workgroup member
- Lisa Prosser, PhD, Condition Review Workgroup member
- Jelili Ojodu, MPH, Condition Review Workgroup member

Focus of Interviews



- Factors and/or priorities guiding the Committee;
- The importance of personal stories;
- The importance of the nomination package;
- The decision matrix;
- The condition review process;
- The importance of screening tests and how the Committee evaluates State screening capabilities;
- The importance of sufficient, high quality data;
- Understanding what the definition of “treatment” is;
- The importance of multidisciplinary teams and advocacy organizations;
- Resource recommendations

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- **Revised Timeline**

- Summer, 2013 Atlas interviews and document preparation
- September, 2013 Review of draft document
- September, 2013 Advocate and professional interviews
- Fall, 2013 E&T review and re-write
- September, 2014 Draft document to DACHDNC

Priority: Track, provide input on, and facilitate integration of national education & training initiatives



● **Project**

- Identify one heritable condition that is not part of the RUSP and for which screening and treatment most likely would occur at a later point in child development
- In partnership with professional and parent organizations, identify major education and training needs for that condition

Childhood Screening Prototype Review Timeline



- January, 2013 Three exemplar conditions selected
 - fragile X syndrome
 - long QT syndrome
 - Wilson's disease
- May 2013 Fragile X syndrome
- September, 2013 Long QT syndrome
- January, 2014 Wilson's disease
- May,, 2014 Report to Committee

Six Questions for Each Condition



- What is the typical pattern of identification of children with this condition?
- What problems exist with the current pattern of identification, problems that could be ameliorated to some extent by earlier identification?
- Would population screening outside of the newborn period be at all feasible or desirable?
- In the absence of population screening, what could be the likely best case scenario for earlier identification?
- What level of effort would be required to substantially change the current paradigm – minimal, moderate, substantial, or heroic?
- Which stakeholder groups would need to be engaged in any discussions about altering current practice?

What is Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



- Inherited/genetic channelopathy
- Identified by abnormal QT interval prolongation on ECG
- Causes increased propensity to syncope, polymorphous ventricular tachycardia (torsades de pointes), and sudden arrhythmic death
- 5 genes make up the classic forms of LQTS
 - LQT1, LQT2, LQT3, LQT5, and LQT6
 - over 300 different LQTS-related mutations have been identified on these genes

Goldenberg I, Moss AJ. Long QT syndrome. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2008 Jun 17;51(24):2291-300.

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



- Estimated prevalence about 1:5,000
 - Italian study of neonates cites prevalence of about 1:2,500
- Variable presentation
 - Influenced by age, genotype, gender, environmental factors, therapy, and possibly other modifier genes
 - Clinical risk in LQTS is age specific

How is LQTS Treated?



- **Beta-blockers**
 - First-line prophylactic therapy
 - Initiation of treatment dependent upon clinical risk
- **Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)**
 - Secondary prevention
 - Primary prevention in high-risk patients

What is the typical pattern of identification?



- ECG and clinical history
- Scoring system can be used in difficult cases
- Genetic testing used largely for research, not clinical identification
 - Current genetic test identifies about 75% of individuals with symptomatic LQTS = decent specificity
 - Negative genetic test in a subject with symptomatic LQTS does not diagnosis = poor sensitivity

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



- Possible presentations
 - Evaluation triggered by a syncopal event in the absence of acquired causes of QT prolongation
 - Unexplained sudden death in a young individual
 - An asymptomatic individual identified from ECG obtained for another reason
 - Positive family history
 - ✦ Identification of a family member
 - ✦ Suspicious family history

What problems exist with current pattern of identification?



- **First presentation of LQTS can be sudden death**

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



Would population screening outside of the newborn period be at all feasible or desirable?

- Yes IF diagnosis predictive of clinical severity

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



In the absence of population screening, what could be the likely best case scenario for earlier identification?

- Screening for symptoms
- Assessing family history

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



What level of effort would be required to substantially change the current paradigm – minimal, moderate, substantial, or heroic?

Heroic

Hereditary Long QT Syndrome (LQTS)



Which stakeholder groups would need to be engaged in any discussions about altering current practice?

- Cardiologists
- Geneticists
- Primary care physicians
- Patients and families

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