



Red Blood Cell Disorders Committee
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MEETING JANUARY 16, 2014

7:30 PM

Partners present:

Samantha Benghiat, Laurence Dedeken, Veerle Labarque, Alina Ferster, Olivier Ketelslegers, André Delannoy, Angela Del Giudice, Jonathan Brauner, Béatrice Gulbis, Ann Van Damme, Philip Maes, Phu Quoc Lé, Marie-Françoise Dresse

Report:

- Recommendations to be posted on the BHS website:
 - i. Follow-up of pregnancy; (Compilation of the Belgian results should be done; a student should be recruited to accomplish this task).
 - ii. New recommendations on anaesthesia.
Both documents have been finalized, should be posted on the BHS website (pdf format)
- Results of the neonatal screening for haemoglobinopathies in Belgium: follow-up – Olivier Ketelslegers and Béatrice Gulbis
After lengthy administrative procedures and the establishment of procedures for sample collection and analysis, we are compiling the results for three Belgian regions which represent around 70% of birth. Detailed results will be presented at the next meeting.
- Results of the survey: reference centres (laboratory and clinical) for sickle cell disease - Olivier Ketelslegers and Béatrice Gulbis
The first results were presented. Thirty two answers were coming from 25 different hospital centres. More detailed results will be presented at the next meeting.
- Advances made at BHS level to gain support for a “non oncologic haematology” reference nurse – follow-up first meeting - Angela del Giudice
The first meeting was held the 26/11/2013.
The aims of this committee are to define the description of the function of coordinating nurse, to write an article on the multidisciplinary management of patients with sickle cell disease. More nurses should be involved. Contact will be taken with the different haematological centres (B. Gulbis).
- Randomized study comparing N-acetylcysteine to placebo in sickle cell patients – André Delannoy **See annex 1**
<http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01849016?term=n-acetylcysteine+AND+sickle+cell&rank=1>
Marie-Françoise Dresse proposed to coordinate the involvement of the different Belgian Centres and André Delannoy proposed to contact the BHS board. Indeed, a logistical and financial support from the board will be asked.
- BHS committee meeting January 30 – presentation of our achievements in 2013 - Béatrice Gulbis



The presentation has been approved.

- We should prepare the next “World Sickle Cell Day”, June 19 – 2014. We could focus on blood donation. Angela del Giudice will propose a project at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 8 – 7:30 PM