



Adolescent Medicine Working Group Minutes of the meeting

Prague Friday, 11th of May 2012 - 14:00- 14:45

The aim of the AMWG -

Promotion of adolescent health and medicine in our national countries.

Definition of Adolescence / an Adolescent?

- till the age of 18? Or even up to 23? The group of 18 – 23 is a special problematic group.
- The answer is that different organizations give different definitions.
- It's from puberty until adulthood, and that depends on the country.
- It's a long discussion in WHO and many other organizations – the answers vary depending on who you ask and which country..

Instead of discussing what is adolescence – we need to discuss:

- How can EAP impact the adolescents to have rights in Europe and access to the best possible care.
- How can we work together with the advocacy group to raise some advocacies together regarding adolescent medicine?
- Is it possible for the working groups in EAP to work together and join forces? Maybe need to do joint task force groups, or exchange messages electronically. Maybe need to discuss it tomorrow in the Advocacy meeting, because the communication in between meetings is not great.

Wanting to join forces with the Advocacy group.

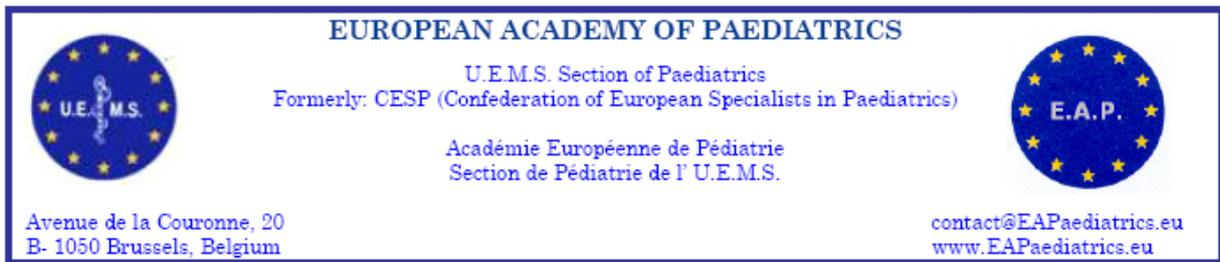
Perhaps have joint meetings about questions that they have in common. It's difficult to discuss these issues on email. So if it's possible to put together a list of questions that are in common for both groups – then they can discuss them together. It's also possible to have a smaller working group within the working group that would take on tasks. Asking for volunteers.

There is a problem with an increasing number of chronically ill adolescents, and some adult specialties aren't educated to care for adolescents when actually the major group of patients are former paediatric patients. The point here is the transition between paediatric to adult.

This could be true for cardiology, diabetes and so on, and the adult patients are lacking paediatric training.

There's also a paediatric ethical dilemma because there are representatives saying that maybe they do too much in paediatric care but maybe they're not familiar enough with what is actually being done.

There is a mission to educate the world around – what is worthwhile in education care.



Asking Dr. Nina Nelson to put it in 2 sentences – The transition between paediatrics and adult medicine.

Another main issue in advocacy is to ask paediatricians and GPs to be interested in adolescents – when you look at paediatricians, most of them look at small children; adolescents are also admitted to children's wards and they actually are in a transition point.

Check the transition issue on the website.

This is another point for advocacy.

Transition originally meant taking chronically ill children and transferring them into adult care. But chronically ill children are usually cared for by subspecialists and not paediatricians – so they need primary care, care and tertiary care. In Germany – Paediatricians are trained in adolescent medicine but most adolescents go to GPs and most GPs are not trained in treating adolescents. Adolescent doctors are very rare..

So there's a lot of need for advocacy in how adolescents are looked after in public health care.

Need to put it as a sentence and speak about it tomorrow in the advocacy meeting.

Idea – create a questionnaire/survey (10 questions) to check how to improve adolescent care? Has there been any change in the last few years...?

Need a couple of leaders in this group – because they are not trained enough but are still the only group that wants to advocate for this age group.

There must be some "standard" that would be considered eloquent for dealing with adolescents – from treatment, to the atmosphere and equipment in the clinic (magazines for teens) to the acceptance and accessibility of the doctor to information relevant for adolescents.

The mission statement of this group is to make this issue more known.

Paragon (GH) overtook the management of the webpage and the secretariat – so if there's a questionnaire – Paragon can send it out to the delegates or put it on the website – and analyze the results and send it out to them.

What is the aim of the questionnaire?

One aim could be to find the unmet needs for adolescent health among paediatricians. But what would we do with it?

Maybe ask for some suggestions – what do you think would be the necessary actions to improve adolescent health care in your country.

So the aim of the questionnaire is the suggestions – or finding out the situation on the one hand, and finding the strategy to improve it.

Adolescent health has to be more important and more known.

(Possibility to do an e-Blast of the survey – they need to volunteer to put together the survey).



Training Issue:

The common trunk curriculum has been in the hands of Alf Nicholson – he wrote the first draft and sent it around and there were many comments but he never replied to them so they don't know if they have been implemented.

Currently Alf has a higher task to do and he will not proceed with developing the curriculum – so who's working on it?

An idea for an area on the website and only the group members will have access and everyone will work on the same document with the most updated version. Instead of having different versions of a document being circulated – this way there is only one document and everyone refers to the same most updated version.

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