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Message from the Board

By Lisa W. Bloder RN, CCM, President.

At the July meeting Brenda Randall invited all of our members to nominate a member for Case Manager of the Year. I know that we have each come into contact with those extraordinary case managers who go far above and beyond the duties of their job description. Isn't it time that they were recognized for their unwavering dedication and incredible spirit. I ask you all to think about those you see on a daily basis and to take the time to nominate someone you feel deserving of this honor.



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KEEP THE DATE 2009

August 27, 2009

TOPIC: Parkinson's

SPEAKER: Dr. Rodas

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"Health is certainly more valuable than money, because it is by health that money is procured!"

- Samuel Johnson

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Chapter Notes



What you missed at the last meeting

After the routine meeting opening, Brenda Randall asked for nominations for Case Manager of the Year.

Jennifer David gave information about a petition drive to protest the proposed Medicare cut backs in home care.

Lisa introduced the meeting sponsor Jan Ellison - Seay with Central Florida Behavioral Hospital. After giving an overview of their services Jan introduced our speaker:

Karen Beerbrower, MS, RD,LD, who presented on Identification of Eating Disorders.

After the lecture a door prize of a \$25 gas card was awarded to Heidi Beavers with Florida Hospital Healthcare Systems.

The meeting was then adjourned.

MEETINGS

4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Educational offering with CEU & CCM

Location: Bahia Shrine Auditorium.
2300 Pembroke Dr.
Maitland. 32701

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First time guest—FREE

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All you need to do is send the following information to Brenda Randall via email at Brenda.randall@orlandohealth.org.

The nominee's name, phone number, email address, employer's name and reason for the nomination. Your name, phone number, and email address also.

It is that easy. So please help us to recognize those who serve so well and have them join the past recipients: Marty Bassett, Jackie Kubay, Lisa Bloder, Brenda Randall, and Marilyn Doty as Central Florida's Case Manager of the Year!

Lisa W. Bloder, RN, CCM

Government News

Preliminary information important for understanding the evolving situation

24 JULY 2009 | GENEVA -- The number of human cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 is still increasing substantially in many countries, even in countries that have already been affected for some time.

Our understanding of the disease continues to evolve as new countries become affected, as community-level spread extends in already affected countries, and as information is shared globally. Many countries with widespread community transmission have moved to testing only samples of ill persons and have shifted surveillance efforts to monitoring and reporting of trends. This shift has been recommended by WHO, because as the pandemic progresses, monitoring trends in disease activity can be done better by following trends in illness cases rather than trying to test all ill persons, which can severely stress national resources. It remains a top priority to determine which groups of people are at highest risk of serious disease so steps to best to protect them can be taken.

In addition to surveillance information, WHO is relying on the results of special research and clinical studies and other data provided by countries directly through frequent expert teleconferences on clinical, virological and epidemiological aspects of the pandemic, to gain a global overview of the evolving situation.

Average age of cases increasing

In most countries the majority of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases are still occurring in younger people, with the median age reported to be 12 to 17 years (based on data from Canada, Chile, Japan, UK and the United States of America). Some reports suggest that persons requiring hospitalization and patients with fatal illness may be slightly older.

As the disease expands broadly into communities, the average age of the cases is appearing to increase slightly. This may reflect the situation in many countries where the earliest cases often occurred as school outbreaks but later cases were occurring in the community. Some of the pandemic disease patterns differ from seasonal influenza, where fatal disease occurs most often in the elderly (>65 years old). However, the full picture of the pandemic's epidemiology is not yet fully clear because in many countries, seasonal influenza viruses and pandemic (H1N1) 2009 viruses are both circulating and the pandemic remains relatively early in its development.

Although the risk factors for serious pandemic disease are not know definitively, risk factors such as existing cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, diabetes and cancer currently are considered risk factors for serious pandemic (H1N1) 2009 disease. Asthma and other forms of respiratory disease have been consistently reported as underlying conditions associated with an augmented risk of severe pandemic disease in several countries.

A recent report suggests obesity may be another risk factor for severe disease. Similarly, there is accumulating evidence suggesting pregnant women are at higher risk for more severe disease. A few preliminary reports also suggest increased risk of severe disease may be elevated in some minority populations, but the potential contributions of cultural, economic and social risk factors are not clear.

Vaccine situation

The development of new candidate vaccine viruses by the WHO network is continuing to improve yields (currently 25% to 50 % of the normal yields for seasonal influenza for some manufacturers). WHO will be able to revise its estimate of pandemic vaccine supply once it has the new yield information. Other important information will also be provided by results of ongoing and soon-to be-initiated vaccine clinical trials. These trials will give a better idea of the number of doses required for a person to be immunized, as well as of the quantity on active principle (antigen) needed in each vaccine dose.

Manufacturers are expected to have vaccines for use around September. A number of companies are working on the pandemic vaccine production and have different timelines.

BULLETIN BOARD



Treasurer's Report

Income: \$1,864.00

Expenses: \$1,596.79

**KEEP THE DATES****2009**

Jan 15, 2009

Feb 26, 2009

Mar 26, 2009

April 23, 2009

May 28, 2009

June 25, 2009

July 23, 2009

Aug 27, 2009

Sept 24, 2009

Oct 22, 2009

Nov 12, 2009-Annual Vendor Show

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Florida Occupational Health Conference 2009**ESSENTIALS OF TRANSITION:
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NLO608: Aging with Spinal Cord Injury



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In the early 1940s, before the widespread availability of antibiotics, life expectancy following a spinal cord injury was only about 1.5 years. Today, average life expectancy for someone sustaining a spinal cord injury is about 80% of "normal" life expectancy, depending upon the level of injury.

OBJECTIVES

1. Compare and Contrast results of early research on Aging with Spinal Cord Injury with current research.
2. Identify and discuss problems that accompany aging with a spinal cord injury and describe their impact and their characteristics on the following systems:
 - musculoskeletal system
 - central and peripheral nervous system
 - cardiovascular system
 - pulmonary system
 - gastrointestinal system
 - endocrine system
 - integumentary system
 - renal system
3. Discuss the following psychosocial issues that accompany aging with spinal cord injury:
 - changing care needs
 - psychological adaptation
 - changing attitudes toward life
 - personal perspectives on quality of life