

April 2006 Newsletter

The April 20, 2006 NETNPA meeting was held at Picasso's in Johnson City, TN. Our speaker was Dr. Jeff East Tennessee. Dr. Farrow spoke on COPD and Spiriva. Chad Hall of Boehringer Pharmaceuticals sponsored

Presentation Highlights

COPD by definition is an obstructive lung disease that is not fully reversible. This by definition removes as Smoking is the primary cause of COPD. Alpha 1 antitrypsin can be a genetic cause of COPD.

COPD is the fourth leading cause of death and the most common cause of lung disease.

Mortality rates of COPD continue to rise, not for lack of care and treatment but most likely due to several c behaviors.

Smoking prevalence among women has doubled that of men in recent years.

Pathophysiology of COPD

Inflammatory cells invade the airways in COPD causing narrowing, goblet cells increase mucus production the aveoli to transport oxygen.

Spiriva

Hyperinflation occurring as a result of COPD can be significantly reduced by the use of once daily Spiriva. lessened allowing the diaphragm to regain some strength. In time this can increase exercise tolerance and patients.

One of the most noted complaints from COPD patients is inability to sustain activity involving the arms. Th breathing secondary to increased residual volume decreases function of the muscles of respiration in a C(upper arm and upper body muscles for respiration.

Business Meeting

Kathy Sharp announced thanks to Dr. Farrow, Chad Hall and Boehringer for sponsoring our meeting and p for a great dinner.

Secretary's minutes approved from March 2006.

Treasurer's report: 16,315.76 account balance

OLD BUSINESS

Food/Cigarette tax swap: Please contact Reps Vaughn and Ramsey by writing letters and supporting th

Practice Doctorate: Wendy Vogel, ONS NP SIG Coordinator working hard to get the ONS to publish a issue of the DNP.

Position statements need to be pushed for from professional groups in nursing.

NEW BUSINESS

Nurses Day is May 9th. Nurses Day dinner at the Holiday Inn. This is a social and dinner with awards to a table, which is \$125.00. Registration is at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.

Nominees for NP of the Year: email to be sent out to membership with nominees. Votes need to be in by 1/15/18.

Proposed bylaw changes: we accepted revisions at the March meeting. Another proposal by Kathy Shivers for providers to become members of NETNPA. It is proposed that an affiliate membership be considered for a cost of an affiliate membership voted to be \$25.00. Voting is limited to NPs only. It was also proposed for a name change to our organization to reflect the interest of other mid-level providers.

Fall Conference: members voted to hold the conference on Friday. This will be free to paid members. Start with the planning. More info to come.

National Nurse Movement: This is a proposal made by Terry Neals and others in health care. More info can be found at www.nationalnurse.info

Other points of interest:

TNA alert on House Bill 4906

House Bill 3366

Senate Bill 3585

Concerning online nursing programs

DNP: AANP discussion paper

District 5 meeting will be held June 27th

Sanofi-Aventis recently sent a letter to request an nurse practitioner to get the supervising physician to sign a letter was made to send a letter on behalf of the NETNPA to inform S-A of the rights and privileges of a certified nurse practitioner.

Next NETNPA MEETING: Our next meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, at the Peerless in Denver. Dr. Mitri, rheumatologist, who will present about osteoporosis. Please RSVP as soon as possible to kayandp@netnpa.org

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