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SOFT SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

BREAKING DIFFICULT NEWS IN THE PEDIATRIC SETTING

Thursday, July 24, 2008

The Children's Hospital
Mt. Oxford Conference Room
13123 East 16th Avenue
Aurora, Colorado

Jointly presented by SOFT (Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13, and Related Disorders) and The Children's Hospital Department of Clinical Genetics and Metabolism

Target Audience

Pediatricians, neonatologists, geneticists, and genetic counselors.

Course Description

This course will deal in detail with the experience of giving difficult news to parents of an infant or child with a challenging pediatric condition; congenital and genetic syndromes will be the focus but the models can be applied to many conditions of childhood. The goal is to advance the topic so that training programs for all disciplines will include experience with this scenario in their curriculum.

Course Objectives

Participants will be provided with skills and knowledge of the topic through the following:

- Overview and comprehensive summary of the literature on breaking news to parents of a child with a pediatric medical condition with a focus on genetic syndromes.
- Demonstration of a model of communicating with parents about difficult news.

At the completion of the symposium participants should be able to:

- Incorporate ideal interviewing techniques into a model of breaking difficult news to families
- Learn from a group of parents what the experience is like and how to improve the news-giving

Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of The Children's Hospital and Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13 and Related Disorders (SOFT).

The Children's Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Children's Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 3.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Faculty

John C. Carey, M.D., MPH

Professor and Vice-Chair
Department of Pediatrics
University of Utah Health Science Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

Karin M. Dent, M.S., LGC

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Utah Health Science Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

Peter Hulac, M.D.

Senior Instructor
Department of Pediatrics/Neonatology
The Children's Hospital
Aurora, Colorado

Laura Pickler, M.D.

Assistant Professor of family Medicine and Pediatrics
The Children's Hospital
University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center
Aurora, Colorado

Agenda

Thursday, July 24

- 7:00 a Registration and Continental breakfast
- 8:15 Welcome comments and introductions
John C. Carey, M.D.
- 8:30 Breaking difficult news to parents in the pediatric setting: infants with birth defects in the newborn setting
John C. Carey, M.D.
- 9:00 Review of current knowledge and proposal of a working model
Karen M. Dent, M.S., LGC
- 9:45 Colorado Fetal Concerns Program: model program
Peter Hulac, M.D.
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Breaking the news: approaches to teaching mentorees
Laura Pickler, M.D.
- 11:45 Panel discussion of parents
John C. Carey, M.D.
- 12:30 Conclusion/Evaluation
Faculty

Financial support for this educational activity has been provided through unrestricted educational grants received from Kaiser Permanente and March of Dimes.

Questions? Contact Dr. Scott Showalter at 303-355-1932

Registration

Name _____

Degree (circle one) MD LGC Other _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP Code _____

Office Number _____

Fax Number _____

E-mail _____

Fee: \$40 per person for physicians, geneticists, and genetic counselors

No cost for genetic counseling students, medical students, and residents

Online registration available for those who wish to use PayPal to pay by credit card.

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To pay by check, please make check payable to "SOFT" and mail to:

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