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New Special Interest Group in Pediatric Healthcare Epidemiology

The Long-Range Planning Committee of SHEA and the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society both have recognized the need for a strong and unified voice representing pediatric healthcare epidemiology. As more guidelines are developed regarding infection control policies in acute-care facilities, as well as for out-of-hospital care such as home health care, day care, outpatient, pediatric rehabilitation, and long-term–care facilities, it is clear that expertise in pediatric healthcare epidemiology is critical. Noninfection control issues, such as quality of care indicators and length of stay recommendations, also require pediatric expertise. To address this need, SHEA has established a special interest group in pediatric healthcare epidemiology. This special interest group would represent the experts in pediatric epidemiology and would be able to react in a constructive and coordinated manner to policies and regulations that are being developed that may or may not be appropriate for children.

The first meeting of the pediatric special interest group was held at the SHEA Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, in April 1995 and was well attended. The proposed mission of this new group is to provide expertise in healthcare epidemiology and to represent the interests of children to organizations and government agencies when needed during development or review of guidelines or regulations; and to be a resource for collaborative development and participation in research proposals pertinent to pediatric epidemiology. The next meeting of the Special Interest Group in Pediatric Healthcare Epidemiology will be at ICAAC in San Francisco, California, on Monday, September 18, 1995, 7:00-8:15 AM at the Park 55 Hotel (check the reader board in the lobby for exact room location). Anyone interested in pediatric healthcare epidemiology is encouraged to attend this meeting. For further information or to submit issues to be discussed at the meeting, please contact Jo-Ann S. Harris, MD, Maxwell Finland Laboratory, 5th Floor, 774 Albany St, Boston MA 02118; telephone 617-534-5380.

Meeting Schedule for SHEA During ICAAC

All SHEA meetings will be held at Park Lane's Park 55 Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin St, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 392-8000.

Aids/TB Committee September 15, 7:00 PM (dinner)

Long-Range Planning Committee September 16, 11:30 AM (luncheon)

SHEA Board of Directors September 16, 3:00 PM (dinner)

Long-Term Care Committee September 18, 7:00 AM (breakfast)

Pediatric Infectious Diseases SIG September 18, 7:00 AM (breakfast)

Publications Committee September 19, 7:00 AM (breakfast)

Annual Luncheon September 19, 12:OO noon.

Search for Editor of *SHEA News* and *SHEA Newsletter*

Dr. Mayhall's term as Editor of the *SHEA Newsletter* and the *SHEA News* concludes soon, and a new Editor is being sought. Interested candidates should submit their CV and a letter describing their interest in the position to Dr. Elias Abrutyn, SHEA Publications Committee Chairman, Chief of Infectious Diseases (111ID), VA Medical Center, University & Woodland Aves., Philadelphia, PA 19104-4594.

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