**Oregon Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group**

May 12th, 2022

Business Meeting Agenda

Location: Virtual Meeting, Microsoft Teams

***Continuing Education Presentation 8:30 – 9:30am***

Dave Dallas Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Oregon State University

Topic: Human Milk Protein Digestion in Infants

***Business meeting 9:30 – 10:30 am***

* Announcements and updates
  + - Jessica Josephson, update on preemie guidelines (postponed to next meeting)
    - Conferences or continuing education opportunities
      * U of M conference – better topics this year compared to previous years that were more community-based.
        + BOD meeting next month we will discuss if we want this to become a member benefit again this year.
      * OAND Nutrition Day at OMSI tomorrow (5-13-22)
        + <https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/moore-institute/7th-annual-oregon-nutrition-day>
    - Job Opportunities
      * OHSU has 2 positions for pediatric RDNs currently posted
        + <https://www.ohsu.edu/human-resources/job-application-website>
      * Marta reports that Randall’s will be posting a position soon for a full-time NICU & Outpatient RDN
        + Pleas email resumes to Heather Blair, RDN [hblair@lhs.org](mailto:hblair@lhs.org)
    - Recently approved By Laws
      * These newly approved By Laws will be added onto our website soon.
    - OPNPG 2022-2023 ballot has been approved– Positions take effect in June!
      * Nominating Committee: Jessie Josephson, Melissa Nash
      * Secretary: Stephanie Hiromura
      * Chair Elect: Leila Thorne
      * Chair: Marta Vaughn
      * Nominating Chair: Andi Markell
* Treasurer Report
  + - * Current balance: $3954.17
      * Membership Update: 1 new member since last meeting, total membership count is currently 36
      * Dues are now due for the 2022-2023 Year
        + To pay your dues follow this link: [Join OPNPG - Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (eatrightoregon.org)](https://www.eatrightoregon.org/opnpg/page/membership-form)
        + Membership form will be sent with meeting minutes
* Next meeting, September 8th 8:30 – 10:30 am
  + Topic: TBD
  + Topic suggestions/interests of group?
    - * + Connie’s project/group with CHNs & Doulas (maybe in Spring meeting?)
        + ARFID presentation (Lori Brizee)
        + Request to please send ideas for topics/specific speakers to any Board member to be considered!
* Networking time
  + - * Formula Recall discussion
        + Concerns with people using recipes found online to make their own “formula”.
        + Kaiser perspective from Natalie: Apria (DME contractor) get emails 2 x week for what is in stock, which is only accurate for a couple hours.
        + Lots of desperation & panic in our families.
        + OHSU Grand Rounds: MD from the University of North Dakota who was representing indigenous/Native American tribe, spoke on how US commodities were being provided to tribal councils & they were encouraged to make infant formulas using the commodity milk/corn syrup etc.

Diane wasn’t able to get to ask about WHEN this was happening, but there is a long history of people “making” their own formula.

* + - * + AAP issued a statement YESTERDAY stating on Twitter that infants over 6 months of age could go onto whole milk temporarily. 😲

USDA resources against this topic: <https://www.fda.gov/food/people-risk-foodborne-illness/questions-answers-consumers-concerning-infant-formula#12>

https://www.fns.usda.gov/ofs/infant-formula-safety

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/baby/formula-feeding/Pages/Is-Homemade-Baby-Formula-Safe.aspx?gclid=CjwKCAjwjtOTBhAvEiwASG4bCJ5UMvZbRkIfJyoSoxNalUaVLKdzC3Jw2DAC2JTbS_ItKVPNLMbiXRoCzpkQAvD_BwE>

* + - * + Do we want to submit a statement from our group regarding these concerns?

Stay tuned…

* + - * + NWMMB has had increased incidence of private milk sharing & clients with questions about how to know if this milk is safe for their babies, or if there is something they can do to make it safer?

Milk Bank is also getting calls requesting this private milk source be personally pasteurized just for their babies.

* + - * + Mixing instructions are different from Alfamino vs the Elecare & Neocate.

Need to provide mixing instructions, as increasing to 24cal/oz or 27cal/oz recipes are different than standard.

Concentration recipes for this product sent with minutes.

* + - * + Sarah Hallaj points out that the European formulas that people are ordering also have different mixing instructions, and people may not be able to easily translate the instructions on the cans.

Should be aware of this if any clients are using these products!

* + - * + WIC alternatives

Check here for the latest allowable formula substitutes available through WIC: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/WIC/Documents/wic-coord/temp-choices-powder-formula.pdf>

Working to get the alternative/medical formulas to be rebateable as WIC is currently not getting reimbursed for these products.

The dates for allowing substitutes for the WIC BID formulas have been extended, and this may be a longer-standing crisis than ever expected.

Reminder to have providers list all acceptable alternatives on MDFs to reduce extra work needed for the WIC dietitians to have collect approval for any of the substituted formulas.

No longer just a formula recall issue – this is a national crisis that impacts all formula-fed babies.

* + - * + Abbott holds the current WIC formula contract for Oregon until 2025.

California WIC is changing their contract to Abbott starting in August, so the demand/volume need is only going to be higher/more strained.

* + - * + Clarification for why this is all happening: limited number of manufacturing sites for Abbott formula and one plant is currently shut down in Michigan by the FDA d/t safety protocol concerns.
        + WIC is tracking request for the Fortini formulas for FTT.

WIC is not opposed to it being provided of the demand goes up in the future, but perhaps this is something that should be insurance-provided?