



SCC NEWS

Spring, 2004

President's Message

Monique A. Bertrand, M.D., FRCSC

In an era of new and exciting technologies, it is often easy to overlook the very reason why a procedure was put in place to begin with. Screening for cancer of the cervix may be a particularly poignant example. While thought to be an essentially preventable disease, the decline in the incidence and mortality rate for this cancer, at least in the developed world, has nevertheless now largely reached a plateau – that is, despite the development and improvement of tests and techniques, multiple revisions of classifications, and the introduction of new tests such as HPV testing. And we have never been busier colposcopists, or provided more treatments for premalignant lesions. So why do women still die of this preventable disease? Well, when all is done and accounted for, the data shows that in Canada, approximately 2/3 of women who develop cancer of the cervix have either never had a Pap smear or not had one in the previous

5 years. Obviously, in order to benefit from all we have to offer, women have to be recruited into the program, and the data would suggest that perhaps our focus on technology has come at the expense of our not developing (might I suggest, perhaps less glamorous?) *innovative recruitment strategies*. As colposcopists practising in this country, I believe we have a responsibility to address recruitment issues as much, if not more, than technological problems. Furthermore, I believe our Society should be at the forefront of such an initiative and it will be one of my central goals, during my tenure as President, to give this problem at least a major kick-start. I would very much welcome any and all suggestions as to how we can, as a group, begin the process.

In the meantime, of course, it remains important to continue to develop new technology and be current and aware

of the ongoing innovations in the world of cervical cancer screening and colposcopy. As such, I would invite you to participate in our postgraduate course in June '04 to be held in Edmonton, Alberta in conjunction with the SOGC's 60th Annual Clinical Meeting. Our invited guest this year is Dr. Lutz Gissman from Germany, who will address some of the recent developments in the world of HPV technology. Our program director, Dr. Jim Bentley, has developed an excellent program and this promises to be an exciting day. I hope that as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to meet the executive group and give us feedback with respect to the direction you think your Society should take in these times of ongoing changes. If you are in agreement with the suggestion that recruitment now needs to be a major issue, then hopefully this will give us some important directions for future meetings.

SCC Postgraduate Course and Sub-specialty Meeting Preliminary Agendas – Edmonton 2004

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SCC Postgraduate Course and Sub-Specialty Meeting Preliminary Agendas

Edmonton 2004 - Shaw Conference Centre
 James Bentley, M.D., SCC Programme Director

Postgraduate Course: June 25, 08:30 – 17:00 Comprehensive Colposcopy – Vulvovaginal Disorders

Learning objectives:

1. Identify vulvar intraepithelial lesions and vulva dystrophies and be able to formulate an appropriate treatment plan.
2. Understand the role of colposcopy in pre-malignant and inflammatory disease of the vagina.
3. Summarize the approach to identify and treat vulvodynia.
4. Discuss the current status of HPV knowledge in screening, treatment and prevention of cervical dysplasia.

08:30 - 08:35	Welcome and introduction Speaker: James Bentley, M.D., Halifax, NS	11:00 - 11:45	SCC Annual Business Meeting. <i>SCC members are encouraged to attend</i>
08:35 - 09:00	VIN Etiology: diagnosis, colposcopy and treatment. Speaker: James Bentley, M.D., Halifax, NS	11:45 - 13:00	Lunch
09:00 - 09:30	Colposcopy of the vagina. Speaker: Michael Shier, M.D., Toronto, ON	13:00 - 14:00	HPV epidemiology: History and role in screening and triage. International Guest Speaker: Lutz Gissman, M.D., Heidelberg, Germany
09:30 - 10:00	Vulvodynia: how to recognize and manage these patients? Speaker TBA	14:00 - 14:45	Using new technologies including HPV testing in your practice: the Canadian approach. Speaker: Monique A. Bertrand, M.D., Vancouver, BC
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 11:00	Vulva dermatoses: identification and treatment. Speaker: S.C. Peter Bryson, M.D., Kingston, ON		

14:45 - 15:00	Questions	16:00 - 17:00	What's your diagnosis? An interactive session on lower genital tract colposcopy. Speaker : Marie-Claude Renaud, M.D., Québec, QC
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30 - 16:00	Topic and speaker TBA		
		17:00	Adjournment

SCC Sub-Specialty session: June 29, 08:00 - 10:30

Current controversies in colposcopy

Learning objectives:

1. Discuss the Bethesda 2001 classification and understand the impact on colposcopy.
2. Identify options for the management of an LSIL and AGC pap smear.
3. Understand the prospects for HPV vaccination.
4. Recognize the role of LEEP and other modalities in the treatment of cervical dysplasia.

08:00 - 08:05	Welcome and introduction Speaker: James Bentley, M.D., Halifax, NS	09:25 - 09:50	Treatment: is it LEEP or nothing? Speaker: Fernando Guijon, M.D., Winnipeg, MB
08:05 - 08:40	Papers		
08:40 - 09:00	Options in Management of LSIL: which is best? Speaker: James Bentley, M.D., Halifax, NS	09:50 - 10:30	HPV Vaccination: where we are now and the future International Guest Speaker: Lutz Gissman, M.D., Heidelberg, Germany
09:00 - 09:25	The abnormal glandular smear: what is appropriate management? Speaker: Susan McFaul, M.D., Ottawa, ON	10:30	Adjournment

SCC Annual Business Meeting: Friday June 25, 11:00 - 11:45

Draft agenda

1. Call to order – Monique A. Bertrand, M.D.
2. Financial report – S.C. Peter Bryson, M.D.
3. Membership report – Fernando Guijon, M.D.
4. Programme report – James Bentley, M.D.
5. President's report – Monique A. Bertrand, M.D.
6. Nominating Committee report – Terence J. Colgan, M.D.
7. New Business

Calendar

ACOG Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 1-5, 2004

ASCCP - Comprehensive Colposcopy
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 21-23, 2004

SOGC 60th Annual Clinical Meeting
Edmonton, Alberta
June 25-29, 2004

SCC Postgraduate Course
Edmonton, Alberta
June 25, 2004

SCC Sub-Specialty Meeting
Edmonton, Alberta
June 29, 2004

ASCCP - Comprehensive Colposcopy
Denver, Colorado
August 12-15, 2004

SGO Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer
Miami Beach, Florida
March 19-23, 2005

22nd International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical Workshop
Vancouver, BC
April 29 - May 6, 2005

IFCPC 12th World Congress of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy
Cancun, Mexico
Date TBA, 2005

The December 2003 Toronto Colposcopy Program

by Michael Shier, M.D.

At the time of the annual SOGC Toronto Regional meeting at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre, the SCC hosted a morning session on Saturday, December 6, 2003. This was the first time the Society had participated in this meeting. The SCC program chairs were Michael Shier and Jim Bentley.

During the plenary session, Dr. Shier reviewed the Bethesda 2001 Consensus Cytology Management Guidelines. This was followed by a colposcopy course covering diverse topics including HPV testing, management of ASC-US, AGC (abnormal glandular cell) triage, and interpretation of new cytology terminology. The session culminated

with an interesting interactive colposcopy cases session. Cervical and vulvar lesions were covered. The speakers were organizers Shier and Bentley along with pathologists Terry Colgan and William Chapman.

The attendance was outstanding with standing room only. The seminars were very active with much participant discussion and interactive questioning. The program was well received and all agreed it should be repeated next year.

We wish to thank The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada for its support of this program.

Follow-up to the Pan Canadian Forum on Cervical Screening

Terence J. Colgan, M.D., SCC Past-President

The Consensus Conference was held in Ottawa on November 21 and 22, 2003, planned following an electronic bulletin board posting of draft papers. Drs. Terence Colgan and Monique Bertrand were in attendance representing the Society of Canadian Colposcopists. The

release of the final recommendations and position papers has been delayed, but should be available later this spring. SCC members can then take these recommendations back to their areas of practice for discussion and implementation.

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to the Society of Canadian Colposcopists

The SCC Membership Committee & Executive Council would like to welcome to the Society its new members:

Dr. Abdulaziz Alobaid, Montréal, QC
Dr. Frédéric Goffin, Montréal, QC