

Scheduled Online Chat Room Summary

Date:

4/24/08

Time:

10 am Eastern time

8 Attendees

Summary of 4-24-08 Chat:

1. Decided to hold a scheduled chat every week.
2. Need to understand how we can improve the participation of the online chats. Do we need to change the frequency? The time? The content? How can we get more people involved?
3. Discussed the possibility of an ECD Networking Directory.
 - a. The HAA could contact everyone registered with them to see if they would like to participate in the directory. They would publish the directory to all participants.
 - b. The directory would provide a level of information that would allow people to contact each other.
 - c. There was discussion over exactly what kind of information would be collected. Enough needs to be collected to allow people to know who might help them with whatever their question/concern/need might be. Yet, we need to be aware of personal privacy issues each individual may have. A plan was devised.
4. The HAA alerted us to the fact that the HAA grant announcements have been made for this year. Physicians are being encouraged to submit grant proposals for ECD research. For more information go to the HAA website and select the 'Physicians' button. If you know of any physicians who may be interested in conducting a study, print out the information for them!
5. ASH (American Society of Hematology) is having a conference later this year and has invited the Histiocyte Society. This means the HAA will be able to have an HAA exhibit and potentially have access to reach 21,000 physicians who treat adult patients. The HAA is looking for funding to help defray the costs of participating in this conference.
6. Discussed the possibility of the Histiocyte Society (HS) producing a brochure on ECD. It was thought if the HAA has an exhibit at ASH, then the brochure would become a higher priority to be worked by the HS. We decided it might be in our best interest to work on a draft brochure that could be presented to the HS for their edits and approval. We devised a plan to develop a draft brochure.