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PROPOSED AGENDA
Chloracne Task Force

December 4, 1983
Marriott Hotel
Scottsdale Room - 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60611
11:30-1:00 pm

11:00 Introduction: A. B. Fischmann, MRRS. MRCPEd, Chairperson,
Chloracne Task Force

- a. Introduction of guests
- b. Minutes of last meeting
- c. Old Business

Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Alvin Young, PhD,
Director, Research V. A. A. O. Projects Office

Title: "The Status of the Federal Studies on Agent Orange

AOR Dermatology examination form:
Review dermatology Agent Orange (AO) examination form.

Educational programs:
Discuss educational programs for the environmental physicians
and dermatology consultants about chloracne.

CMD Annual Report:
Approval of the CTF annual report to the CMD.

Monograph: Update status of the chloracne monograph.

Chloracne Bibliography:
Present the bibliography.

Communications:
Discuss best method for disseminating information to the
dermatologists.

Miscellaneous:
Interagency Meetings
Senate Hearings in July
Special Examinations

Adjournment: 1:00 pm

CHLORACNE TASK FORCE MINUTES

April 27, 1983

Standing Members: Edward Gomez, M.D.; James Graham, M.D.; Sidney Klaus, M.D.

New Members: John Strauss, M.D.; Alfred Hernandez, M.D.

The second meeting of the reconstituted Chloracne Task Force (CTF) was held in Washington, D. C. on April 27, 1983. Attending were: A. B. Fischmann, M.D., Chairperson; Drs. E. Gomez, J. Graham, J. Strauss, A. Hernandez and visiting guest, Dr. Leonard Milstone representing Dr. Sidney Klaus.

Dr. Edward Gomez moved that the minutes of the December 6, 1982 meeting be approved. The new members were introduced to the CTF members.

Dr. Barclay Shepard, Acting Director Agent Orange Projects Office, discussed the major studies that the VA AOPO is conducting and some of their findings.

Several recommendations were made for the chloracne definition. These will be implemented and forwarded to Dr. Barclay Shepard for his approval.

Recommendations were made that the Dermatology examination form be revised because the present form was too confusing and complex.

A recommendation was made that a special epidermiological group outside of the VA collect and analyze the AO Registry data for all of the VA Medical Centers.

Recommendations were made that Drs. David Taplin or Harvey Blanket would be excellent resources for writing the chapter on the histopathology of chloracne in place of Dr. Suskind.

Dr. James Graham mentioned that AFIP has very few acne cases and no chloracne cases. There is no material on chloracne.

The next Chloracne Task Force meeting will be held before the December Dermatological Conference. Recommendations were made to have the meeting held in Washington, D. C.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

Dr. A. B. Fischmann
Chairperson, Chloracne Task Force

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR CHLORACNE 2° TO TCDD DIOXIN EXPOSURE

CRITERIA FOR DIAGNOSIS OF CHLORACNE:

The most sensitive specific marker for dioxin toxicity

Criteria 1 through 5 essential for diagnosis

- 1 Exposure to chloracnegens (see list)
- 2 Onset or aggravation of acne within a few weeks to two months, rarely later (average one month after exposure)
- 3 Acne with predominance of open comedones and characteristic straw-colored cysts (no cysts in mild cases)
- 4 Atypical distribution such as the malar crescent of the face, crow's foot area lateral to eyes and in and behind the ears
- 5 History of 1 through 4 and scars in distribution of 4 or 4 and 6
- 6 Severe acne with 3 and 4, plus inflammatory lesions, cysts and abscesses, on the face ears, behind ears, neck, back, buttocks, scrotum, outer upper arms and thighs
- 7 Compatible histology: comedones with thickened epithelial lining, few C. acnes, squamous metaplasia of outer root sheaths of hairs and sebaceous glands, minimal or absent sebaceous glands, keratin-filled cysts.

SYSTEMIC EFFECTS OF DIOXIN TOXICITY

rarely present without chloracne

ACUTE TOXICITY

- Onset preceding or coincident with acne of (1) nausea, vomiting, nose bleed, diarrhea, blood in urine, (2) headache, fatigue, irritability, insomnia, impotence, loss of libido (delayed onset of these symptoms years later is not an effect of dioxin)
- (3) lower leg pains, numbness
 - (4) tingling and/or numbness in fingers and toes
 - (5) elevated liver enzymes
 - (6) bursitis, edema arms and legs
 - (7) weight loss
 - (8) triglyceridemia

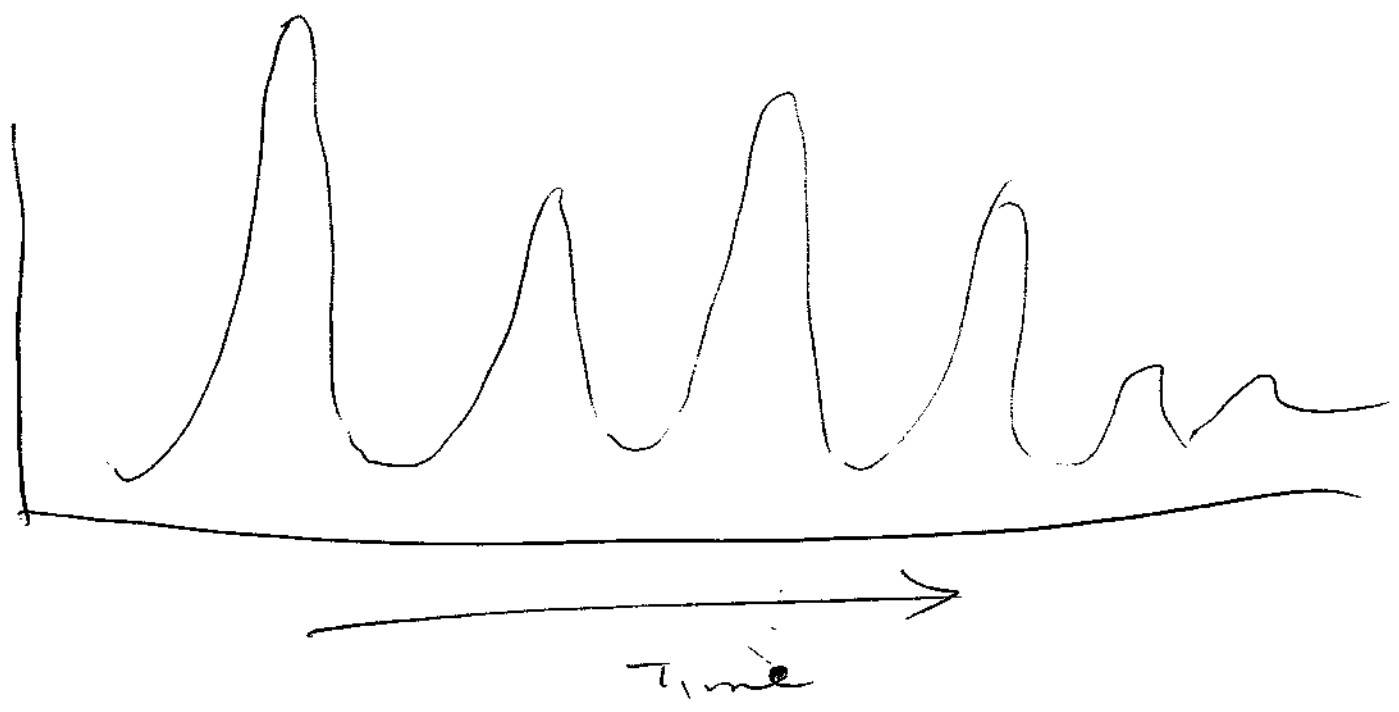
CHRONIC TOXICITY

- (1) chronic bronchitis, decreased vital capacity
- (2) hypertrichosis on temples, hyperpigmentation of the face, no porphyrins
- (3) porphyria cutanea tarda (PCT) with porphyrins in urine and/or stool
- (4) peripheral neuropathy

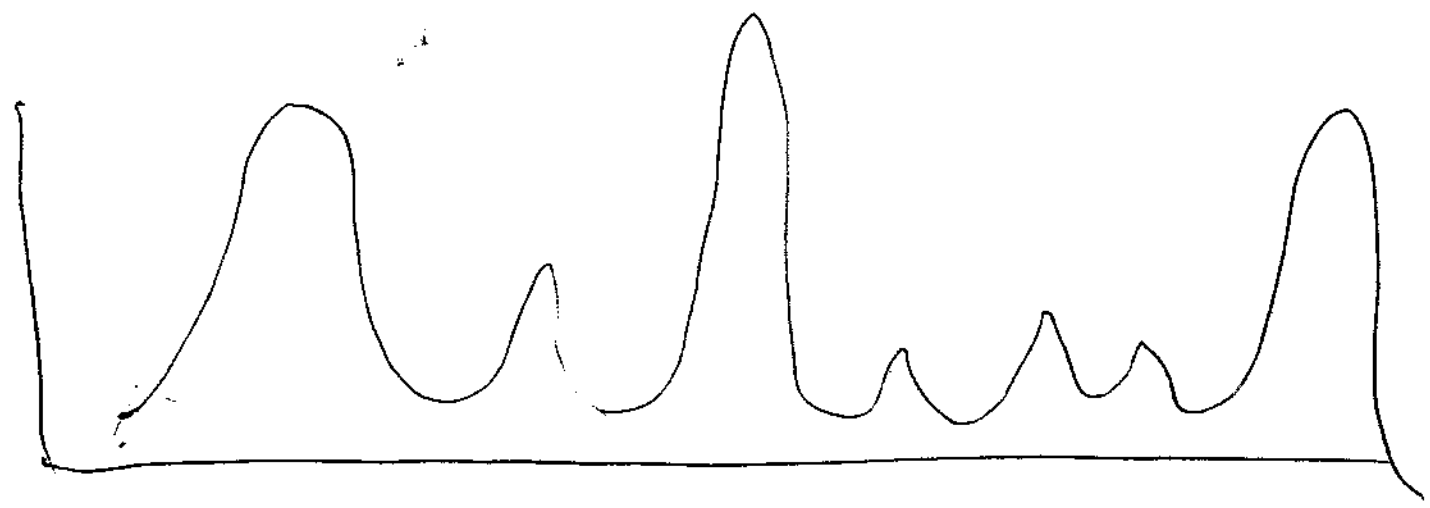
CHLORINATED BENZENS

1. Polychloroacthalenes (PCA)
2. Polychloroacthalenes (PCN)
3. Polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs)
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5. Polychlorodibenzofurans (PCDF)
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7. Contaminants: (a) 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)
(b) hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
(c) tetrachlorodibenzofuran
(d) 3,4,3'4'-tetrachloroazoxybenzene
(e) 3,4,3'4'-tetrachloroazobenzene
8. Other: (a) 1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene
(b) Dieldrin (Casoran) - a herbicide
(c) DDT (crude trichlorobenzene)
(d) DDT (crude trichlorobenzene)

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- PCB Blood Serum Data from Kutz & Harless
- Slide Set on Vietnam Ranch ~~Hand~~
- 1984 Oct. International Dioxin Symposium
OTTAWA
- AAOTF Records
- Biopsy Data - TCDD Analysis
- Blood Plasma -
- ES&T Reprints

FISCAL YEAR 1984 MEDICAL RESEARCH BUDGET -- QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION

10/01/83--09/30/84

SUB ACCOUNT	1st FTE	(66 days)	2nd FTE	(65 days)	3rd FTE	(65 days)	4th FTE	(66 days)	TOTAL
14 Consult & Attend									
50 Registered Nurses									
31 Physicians									
32 Physicians									
35 Psychologists									
30 General Schedule									
08 Ge Board									
Total Personnel Services		8,750		8,750		8,750		8,750	35,000
21 Travel									
20 Repair of Equip.									
30 Contractual Svcs.									
20 Office Supplies									
31 Drugs & Medicine									
P Funds									
46 Newspapers Periodicals									
50 Operating Supplies									
20 Furniture Fixtures									
Equipment									
Total - Other in Personnel		8,500		500		500		500	10,000
FY84 TOTAL		17,250		9,250		9,250		9,250	45,000

AGENT ORANGE (PROGRAM 823) FY83 FUNDING ANALYSIS

CURRENT YEAR FUNDS (363/40161)--PERSONAL SERVICES

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
Actual Expenditures	\$8,553.85	\$8,376.83	\$7,594.36*	\$8,942.96	\$33,468.00

*Amount less due to leave without pay (LWOP)

PRIOR YEAR FUNDS (362/30161)--ALL OTHER

TDA # 79	\$19,677.00
TDA #329	2,400.00
TDA #411	<u>6,620.00</u>

TOTAL FORWARDED \$28,697.00

Actual Expenditures:	Patient Travel Expenses (GTR'S)	\$ 3,775.70
	Clinic Bills	12,922.40
	Per Diem Expenses	<u>1,277.76</u>
	SUBTOTAL	\$17,975.86
	Exxon 520 Word Processor	9,020.00
	Ribbons/Disks/Print Wheels for Exxon 520	370.00
	Lateral File Cabinet	626.50
	Five Drawer Cabinet	150.50
	Dictating Equipment	460.35
	Miscellaneous (Reprints, etc.)	<u>76.90</u>
	SUBTOTAL	\$28,680.11
	Account Balance as of 9/15/83	<u>16.89</u>
	TOTAL	\$28,697.00