Agenda for Dystonia Coalition’s Fourth Annual Meeting
Day 1: Research Priorities in Blepharospasm
13-14 September 2012
Chicago IL

8:00am Welcome
8:05am Goals for the meeting

Session 1
Chair: Stacy
8:10-8:25am Epidemiology & relationships among the focal dystonias
DeFazio
8:35-8:50am Differential diagnosis of blepharospasm: tics, hemifacial spasm & apraxia
Jankovic
9:00-9:15am Photophobia & heightened sensory sensitivities
Digre
9:25-9:40am Dry eyes, blepharitis, and other ophthalmic conditions
Soparker
9:50-10:05 Botulinum toxins treatments & their limitations in blepharospasm
Scott

Session 2
Chair: Albanese
10:40-10:55am Surgical treatments & their limitations in blepharospasm
Anderson
11:05-11:20am Rating scales for blepharospasm: a review of limitations & new options
Peterson
11:30-11:45am The anatomy of blepharospasm: neuroimaging and/or neuropathology
Jinnah

12:10-1:20pm LUNCH

Session 3
Chair: Perlmutter
1:30-1:45pm Genetic findings of relevance to blepharospasm
Ozelius
1:55-2:10pm Physiology of blepharospasm
Berardelli
2:20-2:35pm Animal models for blepharospasm & photophobia
Evinger

2:45-3:00 BREAK

Unanswered questions & research priorities
Chair: Hallett
3:10-3:40pm What are the research priorities in clinical research and treatment?
Panel discussion
Anderson, DeFazio, Evinger, Jankovic
3:50-4:20pm What are the research priorities in basic research
Panel discussion
Berardelli, Evinger, Ozelius, Scott
4:30 pm Closing comments
Hallett

5:00-6:00 BREAK

6:00pm DINNER
DINNER as part of Project 2 Investigator meeting (see separate agenda page)
DINNER as part of Project 3 Investigator meeting (see separate agenda page)
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8:00am    Welcoming Remarks    Ami Rosen
8:10am    Project 3: Diagnostic & Rating Scales for Spasmodic Dysphonia
           Progress Report & Next Steps    Christy Ludlow
8:25am    Project 2: Comprehensive Rating Scales for Cervical Dystonia
           Progress Report & Next Steps    Cynthia Comella
8:40am    Career Development Program: Goals & Selection Criteria    Mark Hallett
8:50am    Updates & Plans from Awardees    Berman, Shukla, Kimberley, Karimi
9:50am    Patient Advocacy Group Update & Plans    Kim Kuman
10:05am   BREAK
10:25am   NIH News
           Dystonia Clinical Trials Workshop & Neuro Next    Wendy Galpern
10:55pm   Pilot Project Program: Goals & Selection Criteria    Buz Jinnah
11:05pm   Updates & Plans from Awardees    2011/2012 Awardees
11:55am   LUNCH (Working Groups: Project 1, Project 2, Project 3, PAGs)
1:00pm    Project 1: Natural History & Biorepository
           Progress Report & Next Steps    Joel Perlmutter
3:00pm    Dystonia Coalition: Where are we now & where are we going?
           Year 3 Progress Report
           Thanks to Our Sponsors
           Project X: What’s next?    Buz Jinnah
3:30pm    General Meeting Adjourned
4:00pm    DC Steering & Executive Committees Meet to Review Progress
5:00pm    Committee Meeting Adjourned

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