# DIABETES RESEARCH IN CHILDREN NETWORK (DirecNet)

## **Description of Project**

• The mission of DirecNet is to investigate the potential use of glucose monitoring technology and its impact on the management of type 1 diabetes (T1DM) in children.

#### Accomplishments

DirecNet has developed seven protocols and four ancillary studies

#### Completed Protocols

- 1) The Accuracy of Continuous Glucose Monitors in Children with Type 1 Diabetes; this protocol included three ancillary studies:
  - a. An assessment of the accuracy of the OneTouch Ultra home glucose meter
  - b. An evaluation of the alarm function of the GlucoWatch 2 Biographer
  - c. An evaluation of an accelerometer to assess exercise in children with T1DM
- 2) A Pilot Study to Assess the Accuracy of Continuous Glucose Monitors in Normal Children
- 3) A Pilot Study to Evaluate the GlucoWatch 2 Biographer in the Management of Type 1 Diabetes in Children
- 4) A Randomized Clinical Trial to Assess the Effectiveness of the GlucoWatch Biographer in the Management of Type 1 Diabetes in Children
- 5) The Effect of Exercise on the Development of Hypoglycemia in Children with Type 1 Diabetes

#### Protocols in Progress

- 1) A Pilot Study to Evaluate the Navigator Continuous Glucose Sensor in the Management of Type 1 Diabetes in Children
- 2) The Effect of Basal Insulin During Exercise on the Development of Hypoglycemia in Children with Type 1 Diabetes; this protocol includes the ancillary study:a. Accuracy Assessment of the A1cNow

# Manuscripts, Abstracts and Presentations

## Manuscripts- Published

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#### Additional Accomplishments

- Development of methods for the use of personal computers in the home for the child and family to download continuous glucose monitoring devices and home glucose meters.
- Development of methods for the data management and analysis of continuous glucose monitoring data and for utilizing the data in the management of children with T1DM.
- Development of methods for use of tablet computers in the clinic for paperless case report form completion and for completion of quality of life questionnaires.
- Development of quality of life questionnaire related to use of continuous glucose monitors.
- Development of statistical methods for the analysis of continuous glucose monitoring data.
- Development of algorithms for the child and parents to use for incorporating continuous glucose data into diabetes self-management.

#### **Future Directions**

- Initiate a randomized trial to evaluate the Navigator (pending results of pilot study).
- Evaluate and develop distinct, age-appropriate treatment approaches to T1DM in children.
- Evaluate prevention of nocturnal hypoglycemia using varying types of bedtime snacks.
- Assess the use of continuous glucose monitors to detect and prevent hypoglycemia during seasons of activity in adolescents with T1DM.
- Assess possible changes in neurocognitive function and how it relates to frequency of hypoglycemia in young children with type 1 diabetes.

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