

March 1, 2011

March Minutes

Our March 1st meeting was conducted by our treasurer Harry Butler as our president Tara McCain was ill. The new members were welcomed. The group has had an ongoing discussion the last several months with regard to PD patients not receiving their meds when in the hospital. Their medicines have been given to them very late or not at all. Member John Fratcher explained the difficult problem his wife Linda has recently had in this area. He stressed how important it is to have your spouse or caregiver be available to make sure you are receiving the best possible care. If not, they can notify the proper hospital personnel. It was stressed again the need to keep a current list of doctors and prescriptions handy to give hospital staff. Member Shelly Butler suggested using a notebook with laminated pages to make it easy to keep updated.

Our RPSG member Jim Fogerty has been keeping the group informed on the steps he has been taking to be approved for DBS (Deep Brain Stimulation) surgery. It is quite common no matter your health care provider to have a panel of doctors decide if they believe you are a good candidate for the procedure.

Shelly Butler
Secretary