INTRODUCTION

The pediatric nurses committee was established in 2008 within the nurses group of the EBMT. The committee is dedicated to improve the care of children and adolescent Stem Cell Transplantation patients and to promote, develop and share knowledge and experience between pediatric nurses throughout Europe and within the EBMT.

OBJECTIVES

Our main objectives are educational activities and nurses networking. In order to achieve these objectives the committee is carrying out several activities such as:

- **Educational activities:**
  The close collaboration with the Pediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP) in the annual Pediatric Meeting and in the Training course is one of our most important achievements:
  - PDWP Training course for pediatrician and pediatric nurses on HSCT (Genoa 2009, 2011; Bucharest 2013; Marrakesh 2015). The course is addressed specifically to postgraduate resident level young physicians and paediatric nurses.
  - PDWP Meetings (Helsinki 2010; Prague 2012; Jerusalem 2014; next in Rhodes 2016). The goal of the meeting is to provide the latest developments in the field of pediatric SCT in order to guarantee and maintain a high quality patient care and experience.

- **Contact nurses networking:**
  A network of pediatric nurses has been established and is growing in order to share ideas, knowledge and thoughts. Currently we have 173 nurses from 65 centers in 20 countries.

- **Outreach program:**
  It provides an opportunity for doctors and nurses interested in volunteering for activities related to improvement of global access to BMT (Moscow 2012; St. Petersburg and Moscow 2013; China 2016). The aim of these meetings are to strengthen ties between local nurses and young physicians with the EBMT. To share knowledge, care and protocols in newly and more established pediatric BMT programs as well as in adult departments.

- **EONS publication:**
  Sharing knowledge of blood and marrow transplantation among nurses
  The European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) is a non-profit association established in 1974. It is devoted to the promotion of all aspects of transplantation of hematopoietic stem cells, including basic and clinical research, education, standardization, quality control, and accreditation of transplant programs. EONS has recently formed a partnership relationship with EBMT, which will result in a joint publication of the EONS Winter Magazine.

- **Research on safe transfer of patients from BMT to ICU:**
  We are making our first steps in a new project: «ICU Collaboration Project» in conjunction with Research Committee. A survey will be finalized and launched soon.

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