INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

The Paediatric Nurses Committee was established in 2008 within the Nurses Group of the EBMT. The committee is dedicated to improving the care of paediatric and adolescent haematology and stem cell transplantation patients. The main objectives are to promote, develop and share knowledge and experience between the paediatric nurses throughout Europe, developing countries and within the EBMT.

The main activities are:
- Prepare and conduct the paediatric session at the EBMT Annual Meeting.
- Collaborate closely with the Paediatric Diseases Working Party on the annual Paediatric Meeting and Training Courses for Paediatricians and Paediatric Nurses on HSCT.
- Encourage networking among European nurses.

Chair: Hilda Mekelenkamp
Members: Teija Schröder, Marjola Gjergji

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the pediatric nurses committee has had only virtual meetings last year and the communication took place by video calls. We are looking forward to meet everyone face to face again!

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1) BMT-ICU Collaboration: Safe transfer of patient from SCT to ICU
- Study closed beginning 2019
- Results presented in Frankfurt 2019 and Regensburg 2019
- Publication planned for 2021

2) Specialized Paediatric and Young Adult Palliative Care Services in European Paediatric Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Centers
- Study closed beginning 2019
- Results presented in Frankfurt and Regensburg 2019
- Publication planned for 2021

ONGOING PROJECTS

Current practice in supportive care for pediatric HSCT: Position of the PDWP within the EBMT

Last year the committee worked on recommendations about prevention of infection-ward isolation and sterility policy, nutrition, post-discharge policy, vaccinations and Infectious diseases. This project is a collaborative activity with the Pediatric Diseases Working Party, Pediatric Nurses Committee & Nurses Research Committee of the EBMT. Currently an article is in the process of preparation to be published.

Skin Care Project

We are working on a Delphi survey with the aim to create recommendations on prevention and management of conditioning related skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients.

Our ambition is to reach consensus on this topic. Please provide us your experts in the field of treatment related skin toxicity!

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pediatric Nursing session during the Virtual Annual Meeting 2020

- Impact of a health information technology tool addressing information needs of caregivers of adult and paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplantation patients by Sung Won Choi, United States
- Music therapy supported quality of life and coping strategies for children during and after haematopoietic stem cell transplant by Lena Uggla, Sweden

Paediatric Session Virtual Annual Meeting 2021

Visit the paediatric session on Wednesday, March 17th, 16:15-17:30
Nurses Group-Auditorium 3
1. Parent transplant decision making and good parent research by Pamela Hinds (United States)
2. eHealth, home care and self-management in paediatrics by Inger Kristensson Hallström (Sweden)
3. Gamified mobile health intervention Triumf to prevent psychological problems and support behavior change: Learnings from a qualitative study among pediatric cancer patients by Kadri Haljas (Estonia)

EBMT congress nurses group grants for best pediatric oral & poster
Prizes will be announced at the Nurses Closing Session