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 experiences 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 course for paediatricians and paediatric nurses on HSCT.
• Encourage networking among European nurses.

Chair: Hilda Mekelenkamp
Members: Teija Schröder, Marjola Gjergji

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pediatric session Annual meeting 2021

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 at pre- and inpatient setting: strategies for paediatric nurses’ coping and hope, dealing with uncertainty’ was presented by Louis Murray (United States)

New project:
Expert-based recommendations to prevent, evaluate and manage conditioning related skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT – a Delphi study

Pediatric Nursing session during the PWDP 2021 (virtual)

The theme of the last PWDP course was on Cancer Predisposition. The nursing program was divided in 4 sessions:
1) Diseases, treatment and follow-up: specialists explained the genetic heterogeneity of DBA, the biology of Dyskeratosis Congenita and the role of HSCT in Fanconi Anemia.
2) Transplantation Care: the topic was focused on the advanced nurse role in the BMT, the importance of daily skin care post HSCT and Advanced Care Planning (ACP) in pediatric HSCT.
3) Psychological support: ‘coping and hope, dealing with uncertainty’ was the first talk of this session and focused on religious and spiritual values as important aspects in our daily care. The third talk addresses the topic was focused on the advanced nurse role in the BMT, the importance of daily skin care post HSCT and Advanced Care Planning (ACP) in pediatric HSCT.
4) Improving nursing care: speakers explained the transition from pediatric to adult care, the ethical dilemmas in HSCT, and critical care for HSCT patients.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications

ARTICLE

Safe transfer of pediatric patients from hematopoietic stem cell transplant unit into the pediatric intensive care unit: views of nurses and physicians

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Join the Paediatric Sessions during the Annual Meeting 2022

• NG23 Paediatrics Session - Challenges in paediatric HSCT nursing (fully pre-recorded session) On- demand library
• NG10 Paediatrics Session - Communication challenges in paediatric HSCT nursing (in-person hybrid session) Tuesday, March 22nd 14:15-15:30
• Nurses group grants for best pediatric oral & poster

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Pediatric Diseases Working Party Educational Meeting on Haemoglobinopathies 2022
Regensburg, Germany
19-21 May 2022

Organisers:
Sean Conacoglu, PDWP Chair
Josu de la Fuente, PDWP Vice Chair
Katharina Kleinchmidt, PDWP Secretary
Hilda Mekelenkamp, New Paediatric Committee Chair

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