

# Nurses Group Paediatric Committee

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## INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

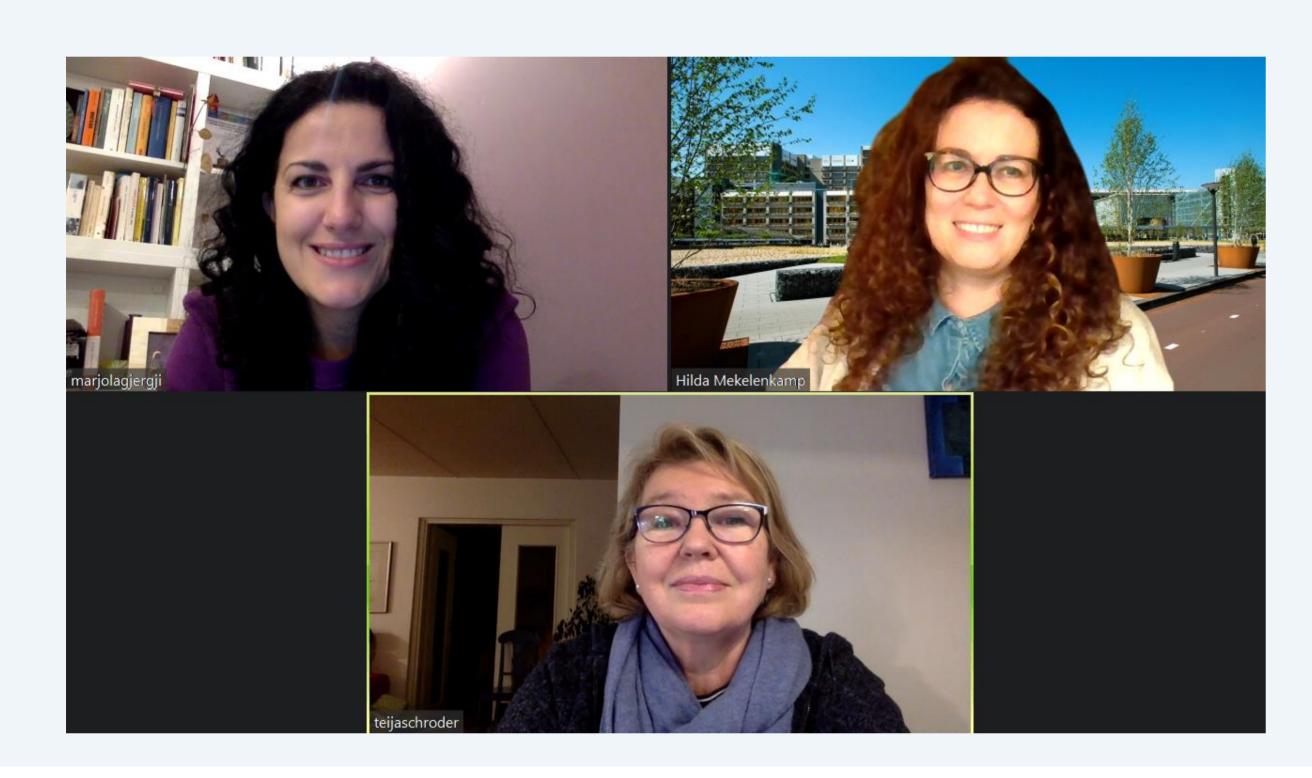
The Paediatric Nurses Committee was established in 2008 within the Nurses Group of the EBMT. The committee is dedicated to improving the care of paediatric and adolescent haematology and stem cell transplantation patients. The main objectives are to promote, develop and share knowledge and experiences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

- Parent transplant decision making and good parent research by Pamela Hinds (United States)
- eHealth, home care and self-management in paediatrics by Inger Kristensson Hallström (Sweden)
- 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)

## Pediatric Nursing session during the PWDP 2021 (virtual)

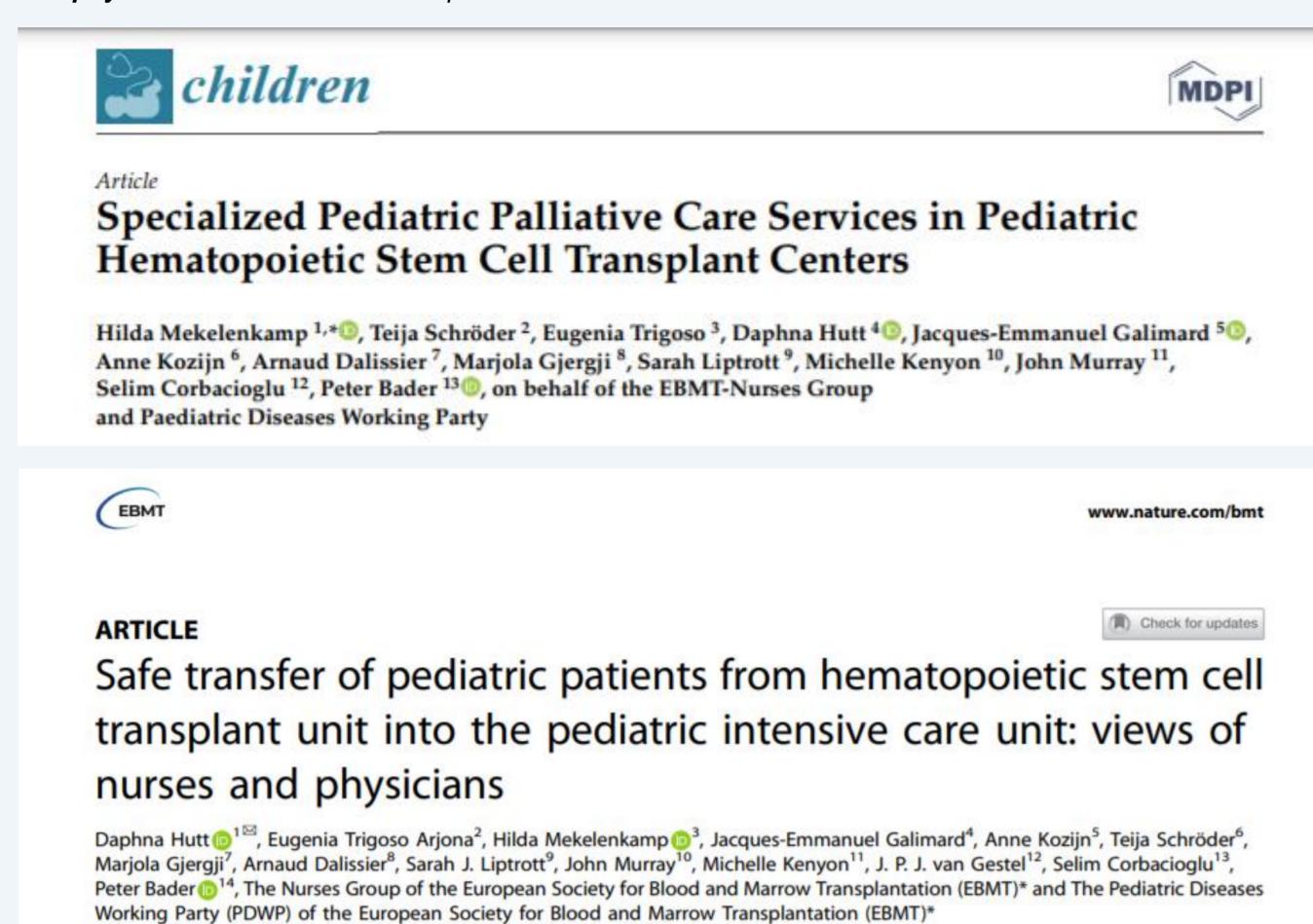
The theme of the last PWDP course was on Cancer Predisposition. The nursing program was divided in 4 sessions:

- 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.
- 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 psychological support for parents as an important issue during the hospitalization of the child. The session ended with a parents' perspective.
- Improving nursing care: speakers explained the transition from pediatric to adult care, the ethical dilemmas in HCST, and critical care for HSCT patients.

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

#### **Publications**

- Mekelenkamp H, Schröder T, Trigoso E, Hutt D, Galimard JE, Kozijn A, Dalissier A, Gjergji M, Liptrott S, Kenyon M, Murray J, Corbacioglu S, Bader P, On Behalf Of The Ebmt-Nurses Group, Paediatric Diseases Working Party. Specialized Pediatric Palliative Care Services in Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Centers. Children (Basel). 2021 Jul 21;8(8):615.
- 2. Hutt D, Arjona ET, Mekelenkamp H, Galimard JE, Kozijn A, Schröder T, Gjergji M, Dalissier A, Liptrott SJ, Murray J, Kenyon M, van Gestel JPJ, Corbacioglu S, Bader P; Nurses Group of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT); Pediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP) of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT). Safe transfer of pediatric patients from hematopoietic stem cell transplant unit into the pediatric intensive care unit: views of nurses and physicians. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2022 Feb 21.



### New project:

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



Join the Paediatric Sessions during the Annual Meeting 2022

- NG23 Paediatrics Session Challenges in peadiatric 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**



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