



# Turkey Nurses Group

## 2022 Activities Report

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### INTRODUCTION

EBMT Turkey Nurses Group was established in 2015 by our highly experienced colleagues as a part of the EBMT.

As EBMT Turkey NG, our aim in this journey is:

- To develop and strengthen HSCT nursing
- To increase individual and public awareness about stem cell transplantation
- To increase patient care and patient quality of life
- To increase the interest of our young colleagues in the field, and
- To encourage long-term work in the field.

Our main activities are:

- Preparing and conducting educational programs
- Ensuring and improving the continuity of the training programs
- Evaluating results of clinical practice in collaboration with the study group to set a standard in clinical practice
- Identifying new research and training topics in collaboration with the working group
- To follow-up current publications and to integrate innovations into our country

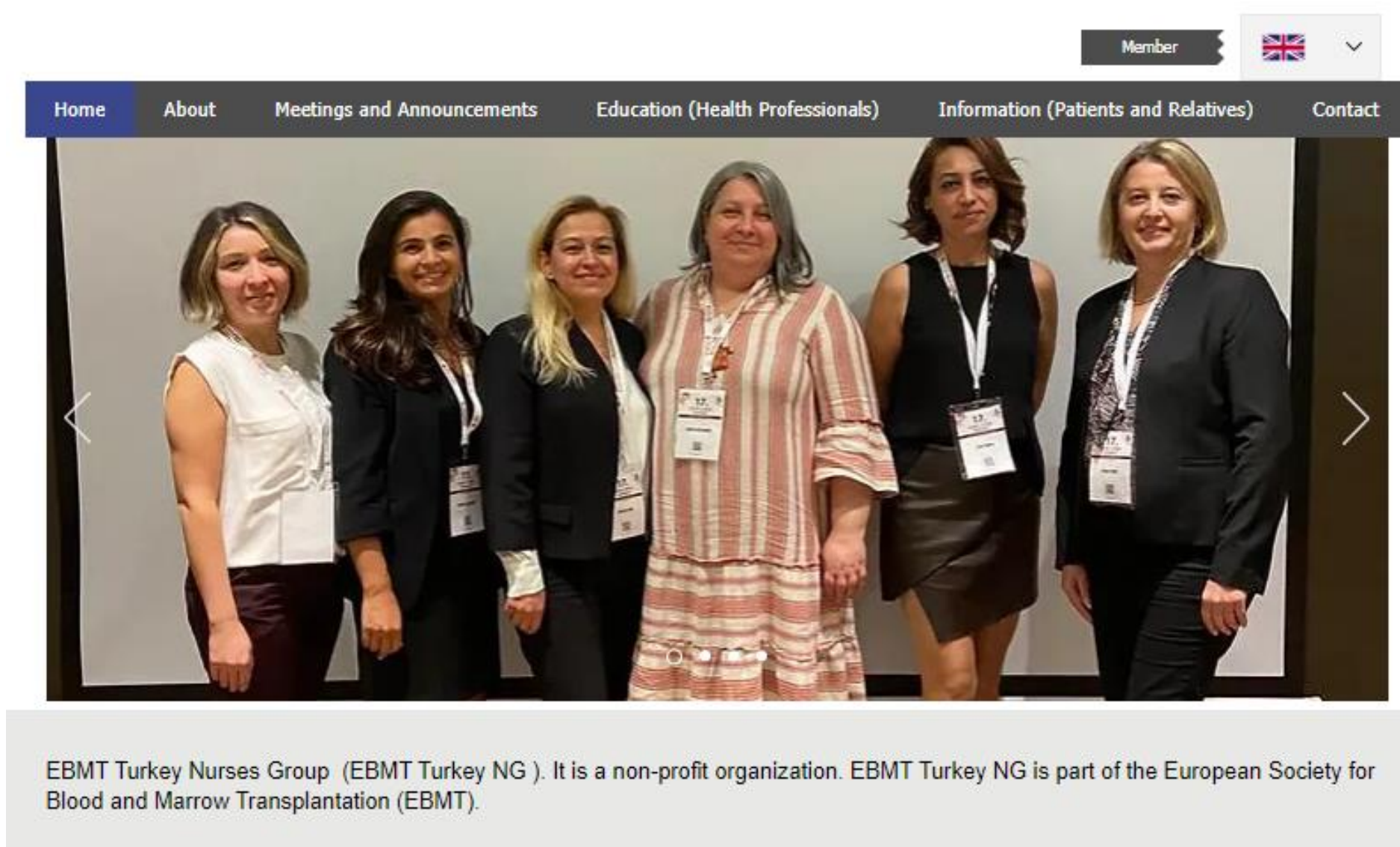
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### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Since the date of our establishment, we have held a total of 34 courses / congresses and 1 consensus meeting and reached 3429 colleagues.

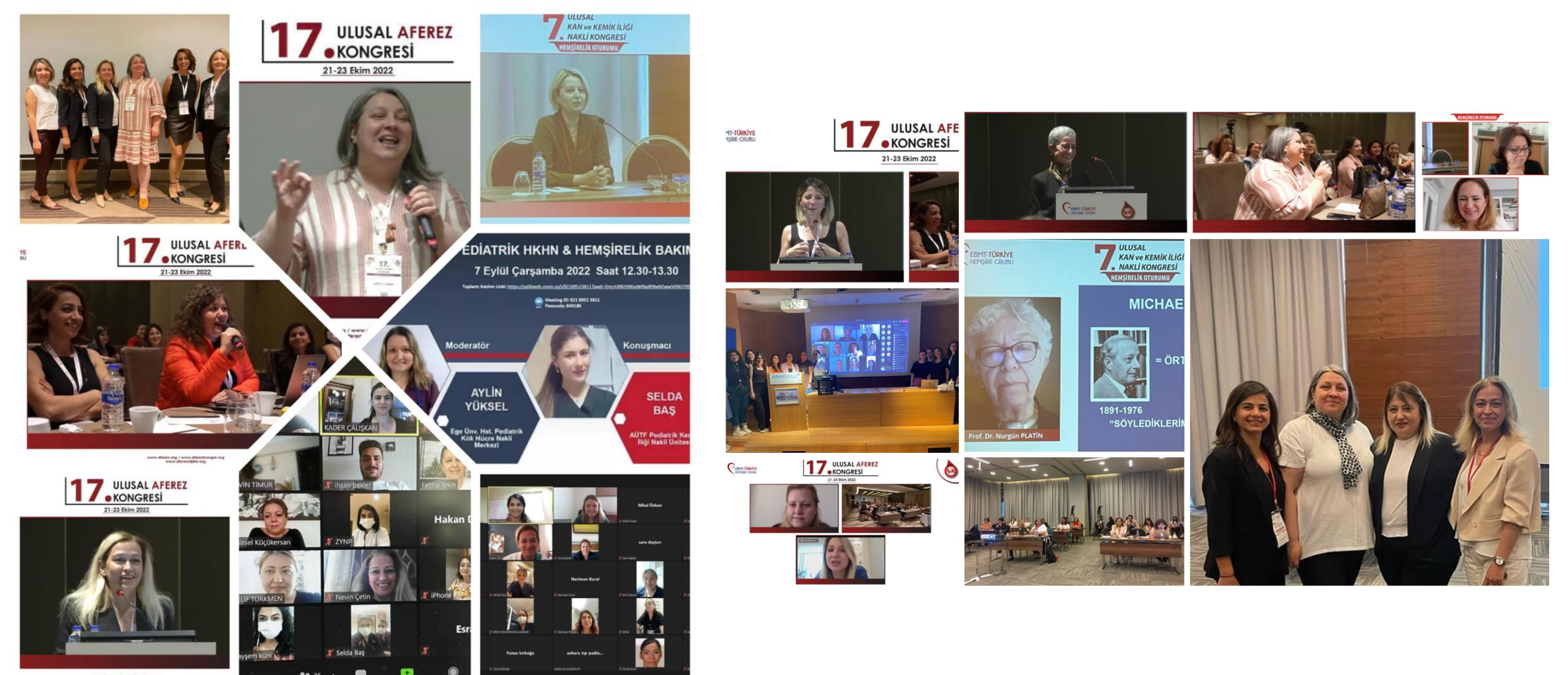
We have held a total of 7 educational courses and 2 congresses and reached 933 colleagues in 2022. Apart from the courses and congresses we have organized, we have regularly held monthly online trainings for 2 years and more than 30 centers took parts in these trainings. On arranging our programs, we gave priority to the subjects especially needed in this field. This year, we achieved the first leading step in which we organized the first course program specially related to pediatric HSCT.

In addition, our board members participated as speakers in 2 symposiums and 2 congresses organized by other associations.

#### Educational Programs & Congresses:

1. "Online" CMV Infection Management & Drugs Used in the Treatment : 21 April 2022
2. "Online" Central Venous Catheter Management According to Guidelines: 10 May 2022
3. "Hybrid" 7th National Blood and Bone Marrow Congress: 19-21 May 2022 – Istanbul
4. "Online" Multiple Myeloma and Nursing Care: 29 June 2022

5. "Online" Management of Cytotoxic Agents in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: 27 July 2022
6. "Online" Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation and Nursing Care: 07 September 2022
7. "Hybrid" Basic Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Nursing Course: Anadolu Medical Center-01 October 2022
8. "Hybrid" 17th National Apheresis Congress: 21-23 October 2022
9. "Hybrid" Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Advanced Nursing Course at Anadolu Medical Center: 03 December 2022



### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Patients who underwent hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) have to cope with many symptoms that negatively affect their daily activities during the treatment process. Healthcare professionals, who are stand by patients from the beginning to the end of the HSCT, have critical role in managing this process well, ensuring patient safety, and increasing the quality of care and life of the patient. The Evidence-Based Care Consensus in Bone Marrow Transplant Nursing was held in Turkey in 2018 in order to provide the best care to patients and to standardize care by eliminating the differences in practice. This study was carried out in order to evaluate the adaptation process of the transplantation units throughout Turkey based on the decisions which were taken in the consensus.

This descriptive study was carried out by sending an online questionnaire consisting of 65 questions to transplantation centers across Turkey. The compliance of the transplant units with the decisions regarding low bacteria diet, catheter care, oral mucositis care, skin care and protective isolation were evaluated at the consensus meeting. 59 centers participated into the study.

We completed and reported study related to evaluation of the use of HSCT Nursing Consensus in 2022.

- **Compliance evaluation of the transplantation units based on the decisions taken during Turkey Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Nursing Consensus** [125] was selected as one of the finalists for the EBMT Nurses Group Award for Best Adult Oral at the 48th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT 2022).

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- National Blood and Bone Marrow Congress will be held during 20.05.2023
- Our online training programs will continue once a month
- We will be regularly updating training documents on the EBMT Turkey website.
- We are going to add specific documents related to HSCT for patients' relatives and pediatric HSCT.
- We will prepare brochures for patients in different languages.

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