

18th Educational Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group

Dublin, Ireland | 1-2 October 2026



WORD OF WELCOME

On behalf of the EBMT, we are delighted to welcome you to the 18th Educational Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group, taking place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October 2026 in Dublin, Ireland.

We are pleased to present a comprehensive and engaging programme tailored for nurses and allied healthcare professionals working in the field of Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy. The meeting will explore a broad range of topics, including advances in nursing practice, psychosocial support, and an interactive session on innovative follow-up models.

The programme will also feature some of our regular highlights, including presentations from the Annual Meeting 2026 prize winners and our Research Workshop. This year's workshop will focus on bridging research and clinical practice through Implementation Science.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Dublin for what promises to be an inspiring and enriching event. Your participation is greatly valued—together, we can help shape the future of care in Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy.

Hilda Mekelenkamp – *Nurses Group President*

Michelle Kenyon – *Nurses Group Past President*

Elin Öfverberg – *Nurses Group Secretary*

Lynn Lepla – *Nurses Group Research Committee Chair*

Mairéad Ní Chonghaile – *Local Organiser*

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Thursday, 1 October 2026

08:30 - 10:10	Session I: Advances in Nursing Practice Chairs: <i>Hilda Mekelenkamp (NL) & Mairéad Ní Chonghaile (IE)</i>	
08:30 - 08:35	Welcome from the organizers	Hilda Mekelenkamp (NL)
08:35 - 08:45	Welcome from the local nurse	Mairéad Ní Chonghaile (IE)
08:45 - 09:00	Palliative and Supportive Care in HCT and CT	Michelle Kenyon (UK)
09:00 - 09:15	Oral care guidelines	Carlotta Cadsky (DE)
09:30 - 09:45	Careers in Advance Practice	Thomas Jézéquel (FR)
09:45 - 09:55	<i>Oral Presentation:</i> The role of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner- a multifaceted role in stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy	Marie Jones (UK)
09:55 - 10:05	<i>Oral Presentation:</i> Optimizing Advanced Practice Nursing Consultation in the Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation Pathway: Enhancing Patient Experience and Quality of Care	
10:05 - 10:10	Q&A	Bilge Burçin (BE)
10:10 - 11:00	Session II: Cellular therapy Chairs: <i>Carmel Ann Galligan (IE) & Ruth Clout (UK)</i>	
10:10 - 10:20	The evolving role of gene therapy for patients with hemoglobinopathies	Majken Høeg Olsen (DK)
10:20 - 10:40	Outpatient delivery of CAR T-cell therapy	Ruth Clout (UK)
10:40 - 10:50	Geriatric Care Pathways in cellular therapy	Mairéad Ní Chonghaile (IE)
10:50 - 11:00	Q&A	
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:30	Session III: Follow-up models Chairs: <i>Michelle Kenyon (UK) & Elin Öfverberg (SE)</i>	
11:30 - 11:35	<i>Case Presentation:</i> From AML to AlloHCT: A Patient Journey	Sabine Valenta (DE)
11:35 - 11:42	Follow up model 1 - Telephone clinics	Emma Kane (UK)
11:42 - 11:49	Follow up model 2 - Shared care	Carmel Ann Galligan (IE)
11:49 - 11:56	Follow up model 3 - Monitoring care	Sabine Valenta (DE)
11:56 - 12:20	Discussion	
12:20 - 12:30	Introduction to the EBMT Nurses Group	Hilda Mekelenkamp (NL)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 14:30	Session IV: Research Session: "Please Mind the Gap: Bridging research and practice with implementation science" Chairs: <i>Matthias Hellberg-Naegele (CH) & Lynn Leppla (DE)</i>	
13:30 - 13:50	Introduction to Implementation Science	Lynn Leppla (DE)
13:50 - 14:00	Clinical example of implementation challenges and chances	Sabine Valenta (DE)
14:00 - 14:30	Identifying implementation barriers and tailored strategies	Sabine Valenta (DE)
		Carlotta Cadsky (DE)
		Lynn Leppla (DE)

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14:30 - 15:30 **Session V: Psycho social support**

Chairs: *Cristina Baiana (BE) & Chiara Giacon (DE)*

14:30 - 14:55 Understanding and managing fear of cancer recurrence

Sonya Collier (IE)

14:55 - 15:20 Communication and use of language

Kathleen McHugh (UK)

15:15 - 15:25 *Oral Presentation:* The Importance of Psychosocial and Hygiene Assessment
Prior to Stem Cell Transplantation

Ajna Džanić (HR)

15:25 - 15:30 Q&A

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Session VI: GvHD**

Chairs: *Seher Yaprak (TR) & Fidelma Dowdall (IE)*

16:00 - 16:15 New therapies and management of GvHD

Nina Orfali (IE)

16:15 - 16:30 Organ transplant after GvHD

Marta Parcerisas (ES)

16:30 - 16:45 Female Genital GvHD – Nursing Care and Quality of Life

Angela Leather (UK)

16:45 - 16:55 *Oral Presentation:* The addition of allogeneic bone marrow-derived mesenchymal
stromal cells in the treatment of an adult patient with steroid-refractory grade IV
intestinal acute GvHD.

Musa Dubali (IT)

16:55 - 17:00 Q&A

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Friday, 2 October 2026

09:00 - 10:00 Session VII: Prize Winners of the 52nd Annual Meeting from the Nurses Group

Chairs: *Thomas Jézéquel (FR) & Angela Leather (UK)*

09:00 - 09:10	Best research award (adult)	Sabine Valenta (DE)
09:10 - 09:20	Best oral presentation abstract (adult)	Nina Canova (CH)
09:20 - 09:30	Best oral presentation abstract (paediatric)	Isabel Salcedo (ES)
09:30 - 09:40	Best poster abstract (adult)	Oleksandr Istomin (UA)
09:40 - 09:50	Best poster Abstract (paediatric)	Dina El Mouzain (AE)
09:50 - 10:00	Discussion	

10:00 - 11:00 Session VIII: Paediatric and AYA/TYA

Chairs: *Mairéad O'Brien (IE) & Ida Bremer Ophorst (NL)*

10:00 - 10:15	Transition of care	Trude Minnee-Guyt (NL)
10:15 - 10:30	Supporting the patient and family through HSCT & CT and beyond	Cairenn McDonell (IE)
		Joy Lewis (IE)
10:30 - 10:45	Supporting minor donors	Elin Öfverberg (SE)
10:45 - 10:55	<i>Oral Presentation:</i> Turning a Digital Tool into a Nursing Conversation: Supporting Child Empowerment During HSCT	Emma Bavinck (IE)
10:55 - 10:00	Q&A	

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 Session IX: Immune reconstitution after HCT and cellular therapy

Chairs: *Hilda Mekelenkamp (NL) & Claudia Boglione (IT)*

11:30 - 11:45	Vaccinations after HCT and CT	Christopher Bacon (IE)
11:45 - 12:00	Useful measuring immune reconstitution	Barbara Loconte (CH)
12:00 - 12:15	Addressing immunodeficiency after HCT and CT	Stéphanie Schmitt (FR)
12:15 - 12:30	Take Home Messages & Closing Remarks	Hilda Mekelenkamp (NL)

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