



## Education Sessions for Data Managers at EBMT 2017:

Below is an illustration of some of the Education Sessions on offer at EBMT 2017. There is no need to book in advance for these talks. We hope to see you there. **Room Samena** on Monday & Tuesday starting at 09:00. <http://www.ebmt2017.org/data-management>

### **Centre Presentation on how the new Med-A has affected working practices in centres**

**Massimo Berger, Italy** (Monday 13:45 – 14:25).

The Italian registry (GITMO) was one of the first to indicate how timely the Day 0 registration was. By recording on day 0, scientific and regulatory interests converge.

New items include: a) more info on cytogenetic and molecular data at diagnosis and at HSCT (including which type of molecular markers have been tested), b) more data on pre-transplant therapy for some diseases (eg lymphoproliferative diseases), c) co-morbidity index, d) site specific GvHD.

These changes, together with the new paper-free Registry, have both greatly improved the quality of the registry and the collaboration between clinicians and data managers (DMs), but also an increased workload for DMs. we estimate a minimum of 30 mins for each new transplant for Day 0 registration is needed.

### **Chronic GvHD**

**Fiona Dignan, UK** (Monday 14:30 – 15:10).

My talk will include an overview of chronic graft versus host disease. I will discuss why GVHD occurs and the problems that it causes for patients. I will then move on to the National Institute for Health criteria and how these are captured on Med A forms. I will then use a real life case study to illustrate the complexity of the condition and the importance of accurate data collection.

### **Data Protection**

**Jeroen Knijpenga, The Netherlands** (Tuesday 11:00 – 11:40).

The new General Data Protection Regulation will apply directly in all EU countries from 2018 onwards. How does this affect collecting and using personal data? The new research exemption does allow for certain usage without consent. What type of usages and sharing will be allowed, and what are the limitations for health data? What will change on other privacy issues, a practical update.

### **Long-term survivors**

**Monika Sztankay, Austria** (Tuesday 11:45 – 12:25)

Cancer and its treatment often result in long-term physical and psychological sequelae, impairing patients' quality of life. For informing comprehensive oncological practice and research, routinely assessed patient-reported outcomes, such as quality of life, are important to supplement clinical data. The presentation will give a short introduction to patient-reported outcomes in oncological patients, its benefits and areas of use (e.g. in clinical trials and practice) as well as different modes of assessment. Aforementioned theoretical background will be illustrated by quality of life data of long-term survivors of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation treated at the University Clinic of Innsbruck, Austria.

### **HLA: Lost in trans(p)l(ant)ation?**

**Johannes Schetelig, Germany** (Tuesday 13:45 – 14:25).

This presentation will provide information on the role of HLA molecules in transplantation. HLA-information allows for assessing immunologic tolerance between host and recipient. HLA-compatibility therefore is an important risk factor for many clinically relevant outcomes after transplantation such as graft failure, GVHD, relapse and non-relapse mortality. Different nomenclatures used in HLA-reports will be mentioned and useful links for translation will be provided. The impact of HLA-data on clinical and immunogenetic decision-making will be discussed and selected publications which highlight this role will be shown.

### **Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)**

**Marie Robin, France** (Tuesday 14:30 – 15:10).

Myelodysplastic syndrome is a bone marrow disease characterized by dysmyelopoiesis and a risk to transform into acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML). The incidence rate is 4.15 cases/100 000/year. Severity of the disease can be estimated according to prognostic scores giving expected median survival and rate to transformation into AML. The MDS prognosis is related to cytopenia, marrow blast count, and genetic alterations including cytogenetics abnormalities and somatic mutations. Some treatments like 5-azacytidine have been reported to induce remission and prolong survival in higher risk MDS patients but the only curative treatment is allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell (HSCT) for these patients. Low risk patients or patients with comorbidities impacting life expectancy don't benefit from transplantation. Regarding higher risk patients who received HSCT, outcome after transplant will be related to comorbidities, type of donor and the disease status at time of transplant: remission after treatment, blast count, cytogenetic and somatic mutations. According to these risk factors 30-50% of MDS patients can be cured after HSCT.

