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PATIENTS, FAMILIES, DONORS AND PHYSICIANS MEET AT AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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Taking place at Università degli Studi di Milano on Saturday 29th of March, this event will cover topics such as 'safety, ethical and legal issues associated with stem cell donation', 'quality of life after transplantation' both from the patient and care giver perspectives, and 'transplant issues in thalassemia' chaired by Guido Lucarelli "a real predecessor of this type of transplant" according to Onida. The Patient, Family and Donor Day will also host the presentation of "Lulla's Journey", a multidisciplinary project lead by Beat Leukemia that explains in a short film the incredible journey of a stem cell from its harvesting to the patient.



The event is open to all donors, patients and their families and the registration can be done in www.ebmt.org/pfdday2014 with a cost of 10€.

Marco Bregni, President of the 40th EBMT Annual Meeting and head of the department of Oncology at Ospedale di Circolo (Busto Arsizio) says: "The Patient, Family and Donor Day is in line with EBMT mission to save the lives of patients with blood cancers and other life-threatening diseases by advancing the fields of blood and marrow transplantation through science, education and advocacy, as it presents a wide variety of transplant related hot topics to the directly affected by them: donors, patients and their families".

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About The European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)

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