

**The EBMT announces the half million patients registered in its Registry
and launches an explainer video**

Barcelona, 14th March 2017 - The European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) takes the opportunity of its Annual Meeting 2017 in Marseille, France with approximately 5,000 delegates to announce this important milestone of 500,000 patients in its database and highlight the launch of a new handcrafted explainer video.

The registry, the backbone of the EBMT

The EBMT maintains a registry of patients undergoing haematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT). The Registry has data from the early 70's until today and is the single largest data source of its kind in Europe. The main function of the EBMT Registry is as a source of data for quality management and research. EBMT partners and HSCT centres also use the registry to meet some of their regulatory requirements.

At the beginning of January 2017, the database reached the milestone of 500,000 patients. A record number of 39,000 transplants was reported to the Registry during 2016, which sees an increase in registrations over previous years. This number includes some transplants performed in previous years, as centres get better at catching up with their data reporting.

This registry is highly important to facilitate all EBMT missions such as research, education, and treatment quality in order to improve patient outcome and access to current and future cellular therapies.

New handcrafted explainer video

With this video, viewers will get to understand the importance of the Registry and how it has contributed to the advances in blood stem cell transplants. In addition, the EBMT takes the opportunity to thank all the parties involved: the collaborative work of the 500 member centres of EBMT and national registries has resulted in this milestone of 500,000 registered patients.

Carmen Ruiz de Elvira, Head of the EBMT Registry office in London underlines: "With this explainer video, we wanted to raise awareness about our patient registry but also thank the data managers from the transplanting centres and the national registries who continuously enter the data into the registry. We believe that this video is getting our message across in an informative and enjoyable way".

Watch the video on the EBMT YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/ecEqAkXqiu8>

About the European society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)

The EBMT is a not-for-profit medical and scientific organisation established in 1974. It is dedicated to fighting life-threatening blood cancers and diseases and improving patients' lives. The EBMT Members - more than 4,000 physicians, nurses, scientists and other healthcare professionals - participate in a unique collaborative network of peers involved in haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and cellular therapy research. The membership encompasses at least 500 centres who are performing or are involved in HSCT in more than 50 countries. The EBMT holds a central role in performing co-operative studies and disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge aimed at increasing survival rates and enhancing the quality of life of patients with life-threatening blood cancers and diseases.

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