EBMT Nurses Group Paediatric subcommittee update

EBMT Nurses Group Paediatric committee has been active both in taking part in organising different meetings and collecting contact nurse details.

27th Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group in Paris, France 3-6 April 2011
In Paris we had two paediatric sessions with topics like oral care, home care-life after transplant, empowering photography, MPS 1-hsct: the Irish experience, parent education, children on transplant unit staying alone during the night and perform the daily routine with the nurse, keeping children connected-bringing the classroom into the bmt room. There was also very active communication between nurses during the breaks and at the social events. We all made new contacts and even new friends.

The third ESH-EBMT training course for paediatricians and paediatric nurses on HSCT in children and adolescents. May 31 – June 3 2011, Genoa Italy
Since 2003, for its training events the Giannina Gaslini Children’s Research Hospital has utilized the facilities of the Badia Benedettina, an extensive complex comprising the former convent, the historic Villa Quartara (the structure dedicated to training actions), and a large park sloping down.

Aim of the Course
In keeping with the mission of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) to promote and facilitate access to state-of-the-art and cutting-edge knowledge in blood and marrow transplantation at the European level, the course explored the major issues impacting on haemopoietic stem cell transplantation in children and adolescents.

The course was addressed specifically to postgraduate/resident level young physicians and paediatric nurses.

An essential factor for the success of this course was surely the number of faculties and participants.

41 speakers
- 23 from Italy
- 17 from other 10 EU Countries
- 1 from a non-European country

89 participants
- 59 physicians
- 30 paediatric nurses.
- 27 from Italy
- 40 from 16 other European Countries
- 4 from 3 South American Countries
- 1 from Africa
- 17 from 6 Asian Countries

Thirty grants for free registration and free accommodation have been assigned on a competitive basis to young physicians, and paediatric nurses, thanks to the generosity of sponsors

In order to make the course interactive and actively involve the audience into discussions the main sessions were held simultaneously and repeated once.

Lectures on basic and “hot” topics given by experts for HSCT in children and adolescents were followed by case discussions.
Programme:

• 1 Keynote lecture
• 8 Meet the Expert Breakfast
• 5 Plenary Session (14 lectures, 11 repeated once)
• 2 Sessions for physicians (5 lectures repeated once)
• 3 Sessions for nurses
• 2 Round Tables
• 1 Meet the Expert Dinner (11 tables)

There was also one extra informal session, with active and warm participation of all nurses.

During the formal and informal discussions the main problems raised were:

• In very young children, how much (ml) saline should be used to flush the cvc?
• How to “lock” a CVC- line?
• How often you change the infusion lines?
• How departments are structured? How many nurses work there?
• Dorothea Orem: Self-Care Deficit Theory; patients don’t always comply to self-care
• Sexuality in adolescents: a problem often overlooked and not treated by the transplant team

For the “Dinner on the boat and visit of San Fruttuoso Abbey and Portofino” I don’t have words, but only some photos.

Thanks again to all the nurses who helped make this meeting interesting and useful.

Please remember that the next course The 4th ESH-EBMT training course for paediatricians and paediatric nurses on HSCT in children and adolescents will be held in Bucharest, Romania in 2013.
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28th Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group Geneva, Switzerland 1-4.4.2012
We hope to have paediatric sessions and that the programme can be put up so that paediatric nurses can attend paediatricians sessions if they want.

3rd Meeting of the EBMT Paediatric Nurses together with 8th Meeting of the EBMT Paediatric Diseases WP and Inborn Errors WP will be held in Prague, Czech Republic 7-10 June 2012.

EBMT NG have decided to offer two travel scholarships for Prague (500€ each). Applications with a letter of motivation, a CV and a copy of the abstracts will have to go to Michelle Davies by 18th of December 2011 (Michelle.Davies@christie.nhs.uk). More information about the meeting: http://www.congressprague.cz/en/kongresy/ebmt2012.html

At the moment we have 76 contact nurse details from 51 transplant centres in 22 countries and 46 cities. We are really happy with this number but are all the time looking for new contacts. In the “contact nurse” paper we are asking the EBMT CIC (Centre Identification Code) number of your centre. This way we can check what centres we already cover.

We hope all paediatric hsct nurses are active and are sending abstracts to the forthcoming meetings. We are open for any suggestions you might have about the activities of Nurses Group Paediatric Committee.

With best regards

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