



# Nurses Group Research Committee

## Update and future perspectives

### Chair

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### Study Coordinator

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### Statistician

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## WHO ARE WE?

The Nurses Group Research Committee (NG RC) is a group of clinical nurse specialists, who are combining their clinical work with research. They develop and support research projects, promote awareness of research activities, and facilitate active participation in research by EBMT Nurses Group members. The RC has established itself with a number of projects, presentations and publications.



### Annika Kisch

RN, PhD, Assoc. Prof.

Is the current chair of Nurses Group Research Committee. Works in nursing research, development and education at Lund University Hospital, in Sweden. Also works in the clinic with stem cell donors. She is an Assoc. Prof. at Lund University, Department of Health Sciences. She is part of the NG RC since 2018.



### Isabel Salcedo

RN, MPH, PhD

She works as a quality manager, research and continues development coordinator at Puerta de Hierro University Hospital in Madrid. Associate lecturer at Nursing Department of UAM university (Madrid). She is part of the NG RC since 2019.



### Lynn Leppla

RN, PhD

Works clinically as an APN in the alloSCT setting and is also involved in various research projects with special attention to self-management and behavioral support interventions as well as restructuring care delivery. She is part of the NG RC since May 2021.



### Sabine Valenta

RN, PhD

As a clinical nurse specialist and a postdoc from Basel (Switzerland), she is working in field of alloSCT. Her research and clinical work focus on the patients' and caregivers' self-management support and the implementation of integrated eHealth-applications. She is part of the NG RC since 2021.



### Simona Calza

RN, MSN, PhD

She is responsible for Quality, Risk Management, Education and Research in Department of Haematology and Oncology of IRCCS Istituto Gianina Gaslini. She is part of the NG RC since 2022. She has a PhD in Nursing and is lecturer in paediatric nursing.



### Brian Piepenbroek

BSc

Joined EBMT in 2019 as Data Manager for the Severe Aplastic Anaemia Working Party (SAAWP) and also for the Nurses Group (NG) in 2020. Became the Study Coordinator for both the SAAWP and the NG in 2021 and currently holds this position.



### Jarl Mooyaart

PhD

Joined EBMT in 2021 as Statistician for the Nurses Group, Cellular therapy and Immunobiology Working Party (CTIWP) and Pharma related projects. He is currently also Secretary of the Steering Group of the Statistical Committee (StatCom).

## Current research projects

Study	PI	Type	Main topic	Status
<b>Skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients</b>	Mihaela Hartmann, Hilda Mekelenkamp, NG Paediatric Committee	Delphi	To provide expert recommendations based on available evidence and guidelines from the adult transplant setting for the assessment, prevention and treatment of conditioning related skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients.	Start-up phase
<b>Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMP) Training Needs</b>	Michelle Kenyon	Survey	Determine the ATMPs (IEC / CAR-T therapy) training needs for nurses working in centres across Europe currently delivering or aiming to deliver ATMPs.	Manuscript revision

## Latest publications

Authors	Year	Type	Title	Journal
Murray J, et al.	2024	Survey	Survey of European Blood and Marrow Transplant (EBMT) nurses to explore the current topical skin management of chronic cutaneous graft versus host disease in the real-world clinical environment	European Journal of Oncology Nursing DOI: 10.1016/j.ejon.2024.102547
Casirati A, et al.	2023	Review	The European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) roadmap and perspectives to improve nutritional care in patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation on behalf of the Cellular Therapy and Immunobiology Working Party (CTIWP) and the Nurses Group (NG) of the EBMT	Bone Marrow Transplantation DOI: 10.1038/s41409-023-02018-z
Kortleve JP, et al.	2023	Survey	Variation in hydration use after reinfusion of autologous stem cells in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO): a survey of EBMTcenters on behalf of the EBMT Nurses Group	Bone Marrow Transplantation DOI: 10.1038/s41409-023-02008-1



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15<sup>th</sup> Nurses Educational Meeting in Madrid with 119 attendees

## SAVE THE DATE!

16<sup>th</sup> Nurses Educational Meeting:  
26-27 September 2024, Naples (Italy)

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The Research Committee is very grateful to all the nurses who have participated in the studies and warmly acknowledges the WP Nurses who have worked during the past year to support nursing research and communication within EBMT.

If you would like to become involved in the activities of the group or submit a research proposal, please contact: [EBMT\\_NursesGroup@lumc.nl](mailto:EBMT_NursesGroup@lumc.nl)

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