



# Nurses Group Research Committee

## Update and future perspectives

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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.**

Annika 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.



**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.



**Isabel Salcedo, RN, MPH, PhD**

She works as a Support Specialist to the Nursing Care Management Director at the Health Department in Madrid and as QM advisor for HSCT/CT at Puerta de Hierro University Hospital in Madrid. She is part of the NG RC since 2019.



**Ozgun Gokmen Kaya**

She works as a stem cell transplant nurse with 10 years of experience in clinical, academic, and research settings, and holds a master's degree. Currently she pursues a doctorate and works as charge clinical trial coordinator nurse at Koc University Hospital's Phase 1 Clinical Trial Center, Turkey. She is part of the RC since September 2024.



**Lynn Leppla, RN, PhD**

She works clinically as an APN at the University Hospital Freiburg, Germany, in the stem cell transplant clinic. She is also involved in various research projects with special attention to self-management/behavioral support interventions as well as restructuring care delivery and eHealth. She is part of the NG RC since May 2021.



**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.



**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.



**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).

### Research Projects

Study	PI	Type	Main topic	Status
Characterizing APN competencies in HSCT and CT across Europe: Insights from the EBMT Survey	Isabel Salcedo	Survey	To characterize the APN competencies of registered nurses working in the field of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy across Europe: a survey by the EBMT.	Preparing Proposal
Skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients	Mihaela Hartmann, Hilda Mekelenkamp, NG Paediatric Committee	Delphi	Expert recommendations based on available evidence and guidelines from adult transplant setting for the assessment, prevention and treatment of conditioning related skin toxicity in paediatric HSCT patients	Data collection
Nutritional Care Practices during CAR-T Treatment in Adult Patients	NG in collaboration with Cellular Therapy and Immunobiology Working Party (CTIWP)	Survey	To assess the current practice regarding nutritional evaluation and support in EBMT centres performing CAR-T treatment in adult patients with cancer	Proposal under revision and creation of survey

### Latest publications

Authors	Year	Title	Journal
Kenyon M, et al.	2024	Nurses' reported training needs for advanced cell therapies: a survey on behalf of the Nurses Group of the EBMT	Clinical Hematology International DOI: 10.46989/001c.124593
Murray J, et al.	2024	Survey of 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	The European Society for 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

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