



EBMT Pediatric Diseases Working Party

Outreach Subcommittee

Goals and action plan 2018 - 2022

Goals

In keeping with the mission of the Pediatric Diseases Working Party (PDWP) of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) the Outreach Subcommittee (PDWP-OS) activities are aiming at supporting transplant programs in low- and middle income countries primarily by sharing knowledge and recommendations which might help the establishment of safe and accessible new transplant programs as well as improving value delivery in existing ones. The PDWP-OS approach will focus on openly sharing expertise with the primary goal of obtaining outcomes at par with European standards.

The PDWP-OS will develop context-appropriate and experience/evidence-based recommendations keeping in focus the need for safe, accessible and sustainable BMT services in resource-limited settings. Values and principles promoted by the PDWP-OS are:

1. Promote cost-conscious and socially responsible approaches to BMT maximizing value delivery to patients and their families
2. Implement continuing quality improvement programs emphasizing risk-adjusted outcome benchmarking as the primary quality indicator
3. Facilitate and encourage participation in international transplant accreditation programs and registries as a mean to promote context-appropriate clinical studies and scientific visibility.
4. Study ways by which information and communication technology may be instrumental in further promoting effective collaborations, practice harmonization and international competitiveness.
5. Promote training of nurses and physicians from low and middle income countries (LMICs).
6. Interact with other PDWP subcommittees as appropriate

Main Projects

1. Online PDWP-OS resource center
2. Train-the-trainee courses for experienced volunteer BMT nurses and physicians willing to act as on-site and online trainers, consultants and “shadow professionals”.
3. EBMT PDWP-OS Fellowship program for nurses and physicians from LMICs
4. Others as proposed by other members and subcommittees.

Action plan

1. Produce a concise and context-appropriate set of clinical practice guidelines tailored to BMT services in developing countries
2. Generate a “BMT Readiness Index” with minimum requirements for safe, effective and sustainable BMT activity in regions with limited resources.
3. Develop appropriate information and communication technology tools which will facilitate cooperation and interaction among BMT professionals with different experience and background.