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„What patients after allogeneic stem cell transplantation would have liked to be asked ... but weren't”

Graft versus Host Competence Center  
Department of Internal Medicine III

**German-Austrian-Swiss  
GVHD consortium**

**16th International Symposium**

Hirschberg Castle, Beilngries

June 8th, 2024

**Dear colleagues and friends,**

hereby we would like to invite you to the spring meeting of the German-Austrian-Swiss GVHD consortium which will take place in Beilngries near Regensburg on June 8th 2024. We are happy to announce that the topic of this meeting will be:

“What patients after allogeneic stem cell transplantation would have liked to be asked ... but weren’t”

During the last decades, allogeneic stem cell transplantation has become a routine procedure in hematopoietic disorders but frequently causes significant long-term morbidity with chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease being one of the major complications along with long-term sequelae like metabolic and cardiovascular disorders, impaired fertility, socioeconomic loss, and secondary malignancies. As hematologists we typically focus on remission, GVHD status and immuno-reconstitution but less often on issues which survivors may perceive as particularly challenging to their daily lives, such as chronic fatigue, side-effects of medications, financial or family issues as consequence of chronic illness. To learn more about patients’ needs during and after their therapeutic journey, we would like to “swap” established roles and ask patients to tell physicians about their most pressing needs and expectations. By combining these personal narratives with insights from research in this area we will identify strategies to improve care after allogeneic stem cell transplantation.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Beilngries.

Anne Herrmann  
Meredith Cowden  
Anna Barata  
Susan Stewart  
Helene Schoemans  
Jörg Halter  
Matthias Edinger  
Daniel Wolff

- 11:00 **Registration and light lunch**
- 12:00 **Introduction**  
Chair: A. Barata (Boston), J. Halter (Basel)
- 12:00 **Welcome**  
M. Edinger (Regensburg)
- 12:10 **Ignored elephants in the room in the context of allogeneic stem cell transplantation**  
M. Cowden (Cleveland)
- 12:35 **Let’s talk – challenges and opportunities for patient communication before and after allogeneic stem cell transplantation**  
A. Herrmann
- 13:00 **Coffee break**
- 13:30 **Workshops**
- WG 1: Staying informed and coping with psychological distress**  
M. Cowden (Cleveland), E. Stienissen (Gent), N. Hamad (Sydney), A. Barata (Boston)  
*Patients’ communication needs over time and role of psychologists after allogeneic stem cell transplantation (English)*

- WG 2: Partnership & sexuality (& the support persons’ perspectives)**  
R. Wieser (Regensburg), B. Maier (Basel)  
*Challenges in partnership and the support persons’ needs and wishes (German)*
- WG 3: Getting back to life – physical and “social” activity**  
Sebastian M. Dorn (Regensburg), H. Galka (Regensburg), J. Halter (Basel)  
*Sports, meeting friends, fatigue, and neurocognitive impairment (German)*
- 14:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:00 **Workshops**
- WG 4: Strategies for optimal patient – nurse-communication**  
C. Fässler (Basel), A. Scheck (Regensburg), S. Degen, R. Soereide (Basel)  
*Role of nurses in after-care following allogeneic stem cell transplantation (German)*
- WG5: Strategies for optimal patient-physician-communication**  
G. Tavori (Tel Aviv), Elizabeth Ingoli (Aachen), H. Schoemans (Leuven), A. Herrmann (Regensburg), N. Hamad (Sydney)  
*Ways to improve communication despite limited time and different cultural backgrounds (English)*

- WG6: Feed-back systems in aftercare**  
L. Hansen (München), D. Wolff (Regensburg)  
*How to provide feedback without offence (English)*
- 16:00 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 **Conclusions** (Summary of all working groups)  
Chair: H. Schoemans (Leuven) & D. Wolff (Regensburg)
- 18:30 **Dinner**