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4th WBMT NURSES WORKSHOP

An international scientific convention of the Worldwide network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation
in collaboration with the Latin American Blood and Marrow Transplantation group
and the Sociedad Panameña de Hematología



27 June 2026 – Workshop • Panama City

Ciudad de la Salud / Caja de Seguro Social
Panama City, Panama | Hybrid
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Welcome Note

Greetings to you all.

The **Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation Nurses Group (WBMT NG)** which will be participating at this important event where the WBMT brings an important platform where various experts from the different parts of the world on stem cell transplantation and cell therapy SCT & CT are working together offering their huge experience and expertise to develop and improve transplant activities in low-middle income countries LMIC.

The establishment of a WBMT Nurses Group is a valuable and necessary initiative to address the specific concerns of nurses in the field of SCT & CT, especially in LMIC. Some key contributions this group could make are facilitating training and professional development programs, creating spaces for nurses to share experiences and knowledge, developing common strategies and approaches to address specific challenges in patient care and nursing practice related to SCT & CT, providing up-to-date information on advances in SCT and CT through online resources, webinars, and conferences, among others. On top of it, promote initiatives that will improve comprehensive patient care in all phases of the transplant process, from evaluation to long-term follow-up.

The WBMT NG will always strive to come up with programs that will cater to the needs of the country it will collaborate with considering the language barriers, level of knowledge in BMT and other concerns as well as endeavor to find the proper approach and methods to empower the nurses in the respective countries.

During the WBMT congress in Pakistan in 2022, and Workshops in Nigeria 2023, Ukraine and Mongolia 2025 and several webinars, a small group of nurses collaborated with the different organizations and was able to impart positive impact on the nurses-colleagues from Pakistan, Nigeria, Ukraine and Mongolia in terms of knowledge-sharing and cooperation.

The event has become a catalyst on the realization that a nurses' group is necessary to give due recognition on the relevance of the nursing aspect of HSCT & CT. With the formation of the WBMT NG, we hope to replicate the same success and with the prospect of a continued collaboration beyond the conference.

This is indeed an honor for the WBMT NG to be involved in this 10th WBMT congress to bring certain milestones through its efforts in building a durable foundation of BMT knowledge to the nurses in Central Latin America.



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WBMT President



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NURSES' SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

 **24 June 2026**
Wednesday
Nurses Group Meeting and Site Visit Transplant Centres
Venues: The Panama Clinic and The Caja del Seguro Social Hospital
Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 **25 June 2026**
Thursday
Workshop
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Venue: Ciudad de la Salud

 **26 June 2026**
Friday
Workshop
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Venue: Ciudad de la Salud

 **27 June 2026**
Saturday
NURSES WORKSHOP DAY
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Venue: Ciudad de la Salud

NURSES WORKSHOP PROGRAM. Saturday, 27 June 2026

Time	Topics	Chairs/Speakers/Panelists
	OPENING	
8:00 AM - 8:08 AM	WELCOME NOTE	Mickey Koh , MD WBMT President
		German Espino, MD Chair, Panama Local Organizer
8:08 AM - 8:10 AM	OPENING NOTE & INTRODUCTION	Reggie Belkhedim WBMT NG Co-chairperson
	SESSION I	Chairperson: Paola Viveros
8:10 AM - 8:30 AM	HLA Typing	Fadi Alzayer, Saudi Arabia
8:50 AM - 9:10 AM	Leukemias	Rowan Robinson, South Africa
9:10 AM - 9:40 AM	Multiple myeloma & Lymphomas	Erik Aerts, Switzerland
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Sickle cell disease & Thalassemia ?	Nouf Shwikan, Saudi Arabia
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	New approach to Leukemia Investigation	Reggie Belkhedim, France
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Discussion	Moderator: Reggie Belkhedim
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
	SESSION II	Chairperson: Catherine Gutierrez
10:45 AM - 11:05 AM	What is Bone marrow transplant	Paola Viveros, Chile
11:05 AM - 11:25 AM	Pre-transplant: Preparation for transplant, patient evaluation, donor evaluation, transplant scheduling	Catherine Gutierrez, Chile
11:25 AM - 11:45 PM	CVC Management	Ton van Boxtel, Netherlands
11:45 AM - 12:05 PM	Chemotherapy and radiotherapy: Introduction, types of agents, administration, treatment methods	Rita Nehme, Lebanon
12:05 PM - 12:25 PM	Early and acute complications and principle of BMT nursing care	Eugenia Trigoso, Spain
12:25 PM - 12:35 PM	Discussion	Moderator: Carole Charley
12:35 PM - 1:35 PM	Lunch Break	
	SESSION III	Chairperson: Eugenia Trigoso
1:35 PM - 1:55 PM	Cryopreservation and infusion of cryopreserved stem cells - Processing & Storage	Dania Arabi, Saudi Arabia
1:55 PM - 2:15 PM	Infusion of Hematopoietic Stem Cells	Diana Villalobos, Chile
2:15 PM - 2:35 PM	Transfusion Support	Gloria Ceballo, Panama
2:35 PM - 2:55 PM	Pharmaceutical Care – drug to drug interactions, reactions etc	Jorge Morales, Chile
2:55 PM - 3:05 PM	Immunosuppressive drugs: Mechanism of action, Administration care, adverse effects, Nursing care	Niti Lotey, Canada
3:05 PM - 3:15 PM	Discussion	Moderator: Catherine Gutierrez
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break	
	SESSION IV	Chairperson: Reggie Belkhedim
3:30 PM - 3:50 PM	Acute and Chronic GVHD: Nursing challenges in acute versus chronic GVHD	John Murray, United Kingdom
3:50 PM - 4:10 PM	Supportive care: Nutrition	Andrea Sanchez, Spain
4:10 PM - 4:30 PM	100 days post BMT	Catherine Gutierrez, Chile
4:30 PM - 4:50 PM	Quality Management in HCT: Implications for Nursing	Cristina Vogel, Brazil
4:50 PM - 5:10 PM	Quality management Issues /JACIE	Carole Charley, United Kingdom
5:10 PM - 5:20 PM	Discussion	Moderator: Paola Viveros
5:20 PM - 5:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS New paradigms in the LABMT regions	Dietger Niederwieser, MD Co-Chairperson, Education Cmte
		Juliana Martinez-Rolon LABMT President, Executive Cmte