



THE NIGERIA BMT NURSES’ ONLINE WORKSHOP

16-17 November 2023

Lagos, Nigeria

2-day Webinar | 9AM – 4PM,
Nigeria Time

A webinar-workshop intended for all nurses and healthcare workers
In the field of Blood And Marrow Transplantation,
Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation and Cell Therapy

A webinar-workshop organized by the Worldwide network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation Nurses Group Committee
in partnership with the Lagos University Teaching Hospital and the Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria

Our collaboration with the Nigerian BMT Group commenced in mid-2023, coinciding with the initial stages of our proposal to the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT) Executive Committee. This proposal was focused on establishing the Nurses Group (NG) within the WBMT organization, an initiative aimed at enhancing nursing practices and fostering professional development in the field of blood and marrow transplantation. The initial plan was to conduct a workshop for a small group of nurses at Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) and the Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria (SCFN).

The workshop was initiated through a survey questionnaire distributed to the Nigerian group to identify the specific needs and concerns of the participants. This was followed by a series of communications, meetings, and planning sessions to refine the topics. Ultimately, the program comprised 35 topics delivered by 27 volunteer lecturers representing 13 countries across North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and Asia-Pacific.

As agreed, each speaker was allotted 15 minutes to present, either through live virtual sessions or pre-recorded lectures. Close coordination with the Nigerian IT support team at LUTH ensured the seamless delivery of the program.

The workshop attracted significant interest from nurses and health professionals worldwide. The registration portal recorded over 900 registrants, with actual attendance reaching more than 433 participants from 37 countries across seven regions.

This initiative clearly fulfilled one of the missions and visions of the WBMT NG Committee: to extend outreach to nurses in developing countries who are highly motivated and eager to strengthen their knowledge in the field of blood and marrow transplantation.



The successful WBMT NG webinar led to the first adult and pediatric Allogeneic transplants conducted by LUTH and SCFN, with the participation of WBMT NG Committee member Eugenia Trigoso, in September 2024.