



WBMT NG - UKRAINE HCT NURSES WEBINAR & WORKSHOP

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Kyiv, Ukraine
A 5-Series Workshop

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 the Worldwide network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation Nurses Group Committee in partnership with the Ukrainian Professional Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, the Ukrainian Association for Bone Marrow Transplantation, and the National Specialized Children’s Hospital “Okhmatdyt”



The Ukrainian Nurses Webinar program was initiated by the WBMT Nurses Group Committee in August 2024. Designed as a series of five sessions covering at least 24 topics, the program was translated and dubbed into Ukrainian language through the initiative of Dr. Oleksander Istomin from the National Specialized Children’s Hospital Okhmatdyt.

The first session took place in April 2025, marking the first-ever on-site HCT-focused nursing workshop in Ukraine. This milestone event was organized in collaboration with the Ukrainian Professional Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, the Ukrainian Association for Bone Marrow Transplantation, and Okhmatdyt Hospital. Despite the challenges of wartime conditions, the workshop successfully gathered over 40 nurses from nine transplant centers and hospitals across Kyiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Kharkiv, and Cherkasy.

The training provided hands-on, practical instruction in central venous line care, led by experienced anesthesiologists, hematologists, and nurses from Okhmatdyt. Special emphasis was placed on:

- Management and prevention of hypersensitivity reactions
- Skin and oral care following chemotherapy and radiotherapy
- Specific protocols for IVIG administration in transplant recipients

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were invited to join the Ukrainian Bone Marrow Donor Registry - a meaningful step forward in strengthening the country’s transplant infrastructure.

To further support online education, a special training program was held from 22 to 26 of September 2025 under the leadership of Dr. Oliver Henke, a German hematologist based in Tanzania, in collaboration with the WBMT NG Committee. This intensive five-day course prepared selected Ukrainian nurses for upcoming hands-on training, scheduled in batches from November to December 2025 at three universities in Germany, supported by a financial grant.

Reflecting on these achievements, Dr. Istomin expressed deep gratitude to the WBMT organization and its Nurses Group Committee, stating: “It is our hope that in a few years, this initiative will grow into something greater—perhaps a recognized HCT nursing subspecialty or a formal role for transplant coordinator nurses.”