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HNHCP Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the newsletter from the HNHCP. The group was formed in December 2014 to support nurses and other healthcare professionals through the rapidly evolving landscape of haematology and enable them to deliver optimal care to patients and support their families. In this newsletter we wish to give you an update on our activities and a report from our educational conference held in Zurich at the start of November.

Educational resources

Bispecific Antibody Immunotherapy (BsAbs) Educational Resources

Education is an important aspect of our activities, and we are pleased to announce the launch of the second edition of the educational resource and an online learning programmes on Bispecific Antibody Immunotherapy (BsAbs). The ITP educational resource is available in English and has been translated into German, French, Italian and Spanish. Hard copies are available by emailing hemcare@hnchp.org or the resource can be downloaded from our website at www.hemcare.org.

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The online learning programmes will be available in February at

<https://hcplearning.co.uk> or you can link to it via our website www.hemcare.org. This programme will complement the HNHCP educational resource on BsAbs.

The programme has the same format as the educational resource and includes further reading and support materials. At the end of each module there is a small multiple choice question paper and on completion a certificate will be available.



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**ITP Educational Resources (2nd edition) & Multiple Myeloma (MM)
Education Resource & Online Programme 2nd edition**

We are now pleased to announce the launch of the second edition of the educational resource and an online learning programme on Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) & Multiple Myeloma. The ITP educational resource is available in English and has been translated into German with French, Italian and Spanish translations to follow, while the myeloma programme is already available in all languages. Hard copies are available by emailing hemcare@hnchp.org or the resource can be downloaded from our website at www.hemcare.org.

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Similar resources are also available CAR T Therapy, Chronic Leukaemia, Acute Leukaemias and Lymphoma.

Save the Date

Our 9th HNHCP Educational conference will be held at the University Hospital Zürich on 7th & 8th November 2025 – we look forward to seeing you there. The meeting will be a Hybrid event. Further details and registration will be available at www.hemcare.org



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Facebook & Twitter

Please like our Facebook page – Haematology HNHCP – or follow us on Twitter @hnhcp to keep up to date with news and activities within the group.

EHA/EBMT CAR T Meeting Strasbourg 2025

We will be attending the CAR T Meeting in Strasbourg on February 6th – 8th and please come at say hello if you are there. We are also delighted to be working with EBMT, EHA and the patient advocacy groups at this meeting.

EHA 2025 Milan

We are planning to attend EHA in Milan on June 12th -15th.. Please come at meet us at our stand if you are there.

18- ICML Lugano June 2025

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the first nursing session on Friday 20th June organised in collaboration with the Swiss Oncology Nursing Society, European Oncology Nursing society, HNHCP and the European Society for Paediatric Oncology Nursing group. There is an opportunity to submit an abstract to showcase your work. For more details on reduced registration fees and guidelines on abstract submission please visit www.icml.ch



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Educational Conference – Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd February 2019

The 8th Haematology Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Group Educational Conference was held on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th November in the University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland.

The aim of the conference is to provide specialist nursing education and updates and help to promote the field of haematology nursing. This will help nurses and the other Healthcare Professionals in improving the care for patients with a malignant and non-malignant haematological disease.

The Educational Conference has demonstrated that it is extremely important to expand knowledge among nurses and other allied healthcare professionals. Accessibility is for as many healthcare professionals as possible is important to us so there was simultaneous translation into German and was held as a Hybrid event.

On Friday we opened with our keynote presentation by Dame Lesley Fallowfield looking at communication with patients and the many sad, bad and complex areas that need to be tackled and discussed. She particularly emphasised the role of nurses in shared decision-making processes with the role of nurses in helping the patient understand areas not fully understood. She spoke on ways of improving communication and the use of tools such as the DREAM protocol to improve communication. Mauro Pittiruti from Rome & Nicole Blijlevens from Nijmegen they spoke eloquently on venous access and mucositis respectively bring new light to everyday patient care issues.

After lunch, there was a Jazz Pharmaceuticals sponsored symposium on AML – the patient journey from diagnosis to transplant and beyond with Clare Horgan and Carmel-Ann Galligan from Dublin bringing us on the patient journey. We then had a session in



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conjunction with the Thalassemia International Federation – looking at the medical, nursing and patient perspective of this complex condition with Anne Yardumian and Elpida Georgiadi providing the medical and nursing issues and the patient perspective been delivered by Kostas Tsourlis and while acknowledging that no 2 patients are the same he gave the attendees a powerful description of his journey and how health care professionals and patient groups can work together.

The final session of the afternoon was dedicated to Myeloma and the launch of the updated learning resources. Adrian Bachofner and Jackie Quinn spoke on the emerging therapies and nursing challenges while Barbara Leonardi spoke on living with myeloma.

The day ended with us presenting the 1st HNHCP Special recognition award to Carol Krcmar who has been instrumental in helping us develop all our educational resources.

On Saturday we started the day with 2 presentations looking at frailty assessment and maximising fitness in haematology patients. Marcus Vetter from Liestal spoke on the need for frailty assessment and introduced us to geriatric assessment and management and how early detection of issues aids care. Thorsten Schmidt looked at approaches to maximising fitness and approaches to care in older patients.

Following on from that Bridget Asante spoke on approaches to nursing care looking at the effects of polypharmacy in older patients and the need for a multidisciplinary approach to their management. Cara Manson spoke on approaches care of elderly patients with AML and the need for a formal validated assessment tool.

After coffee the new Bispecific Antibody Learning resources were launched by Erik Aerts and Sara Ubovic following talks by Jeremy Deuel presenting the attendees with an overview of the concept and their application in haematological disorders with Chiara



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Dallatorre speaking on the nursing issues and challenges with product administration. The session finished with a moving presentation by John McCormick a patient detailing his journey and how BsAbs helped him.

After lunch Louise Taylor from London started with a presentation on ITP, patient care and the updated learning resources from HNHCP and then Vicki Tsianakas and Freya Brown spoke on a rare presentation of MPNs – splanchnic vein thrombosis. Amanda Gordan delivered a tour de force on skin conditions and their management in haematology patients and detailing skin “CPR – Cleanse, Protect & Repair” and how to treat common skin ailments in our patient cohort.

Jorg Beyer from Bern concluded the day and the meeting with a presentation on survivorship and the haematology patient showing casing the late effects experienced by patients and the high price they may face in the pursuit of cure with the need for cancer survivorship plans in place for patients.

We thank all the attendees both in-person and online for their valuable contributions and it was great to meet and talk to so many of you. We would also like to thank all who assisted in the organisation and running of the meeting. We would like to thank all our sponsors - AstraZeneca, Menarini Stemline, Sobi, Sandoz, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Amgen, Pfizer, Roche, Vertex, MSD, Gilead Kite, AbbVie, Neovii and Incyte for their support.

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