

Minutes

UK BMT Pharmacists Group Committee Meeting

Friday 20th May 2022, 4-5pm, via Zoom

Present – Liz Davies (LD), Raakhee Shah (RS) Nick Duncan (ND), Siobhan Smith (SS), Nadjoua Maouche (NM)

1. Apologies, review of previous minutes and progress against actions

Apologies received from Helen Scarfe.

Minutes of the previous meeting (3rd February 2022) were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.

Outstanding actions

- Conflict of interest form drafted and circulated to committee members for completion.
Action - RS and NM to complete
- ND still to speak to EBMT committee re VOD module. **Action - ND**
- All other actions completed and closed

2. Education and Training

Last educational meeting went very well with an excellent attendance. NM is waiting for feedback reports. **Action – NM to circulate as soon as received.** ND queried whether the video content was available on the BOPA website yet and it was confirmed that it is not. **Action – NM to follow-up with Joe Williams.**

It was agreed to pencil in Friday 23rd September for the next meeting.

The potential for running an “Intro to BMT / Haematology” training day was discussed. It was also commented that Anish Tailor from UCL was interested in producing a training passport for non-transplant haematology. Both suggestions were viewed favourably. ND suggested that it might be possible to do something in collaboration with EBMT as their Pharmacist Group is keen to run training courses. **Action – ND to discuss further with EBMT Pharmacist Group.**

NM provided an update on the e-learning initiative. BOPA and Spencer (developer) are waiting for the first part of the infection module to be completed. The first module has been sent to the committee for review and the general consensus has been very positive. NM stated that she thought that HS and Catherine Loughran are working on some voiceovers and would expect the module to be finished fairly soon. **Action – NM to liaise with HS and CL re timelines.** The next set of modules and volunteers to prepare them was discussed and agreed on.

Prevention and management of bacterial infections. Helen Scarfe/ Catherine Loughran

Prevention and management of viral infections. Helen Scarfe/ Catherine Loughran

Prevention and management of fungal disease. Nick Duncan/ Derek Chan- Imperial

Management of acute graft vs. host disease. Jessica Pealing- Christie/ Liz Davies

Principles and verification of preparative lymphodepletion regimens. Nadjoua Maouche/Raakhee Shah

RS has finalised volunteers to update the training passport. The target date for sections and answers to be updated is 30th June. It was agreed that the ATMP material should remain within the BMT passport for now as it is likely to be some time before a national ATMP training passport is completed.

3. e-mail group / BOPA website update

ND updated the committee on the membership list which now sits at 99 members (previously 93) with representation from all UK adult allograft centres along with a small number of autograft-only centres. The group is generating 20-30 messages each month.

4. Audit and Research update

SS confirmed that data from nearly 140 patients has been submitted for the ruxolitinib audit with the expectation that most of the remaining centres should provide their data in the next 7 days. ND advised that the next BMT CRG meeting was on Monday 6th June so it would be good to have some top level data to share at that meeting. To consider submitting as abstract to BOPA.

SS confirmed that Joe Williams(JW) is in the process of setting up an audit and research database on the BOPA website and it would therefore make sense to link in with this initiative.

Action – SS to arrange meeting with JW.

SS suggested an investigation of dosing of conditioning chemo in the setting of obesity as a piece of work that the group could lead on. ND commented that this was a potential session for the EBMT Pharmacist day next year and was therefore very topical. **Action – SS and HS to work up a proposal.**

SS commented that the organisers of the COSI trial had made contact in relation to using a pre-made 400mg thiotepa bag for trial patients. ND commented that this had been discussed with the team in Birmingham and there had been significant concerns raised about GMP and safety aspects. **Action – SS to provide specific details to the committee members who can then discuss with their aseptic leads.**

SS mentioned that one of the consultants in Cardiff had expressed an interest in building on the melphalan survey that the group recently led on to undertake a more in-depth analysis of melphalan pharmacokinetics. The group was a little unclear as to what this would involve / feasibility and it was agreed that SS would try and get more details. **Action – SS to discuss with consultant.**

5. AOB

ND confirmed that the programme for the EBMT Pharmacist Day for Paris in April 2023 had been drafted and was waiting approval. Once approved, there will be a need to find speakers. **Action – ND to email programme (once confirmed) to rest of committee to ascertain interest in speaking at meeting.**

Date of Next Meeting

Mid-July 2022 prior to end of school term. **Action - ND to send out Doodle poll to confirm date**