

Minutes

UK BMT Pharmacists Group Committee Meeting

Monday 6th September 2021, 4-5pm, via Zoom

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

1. Apologies, review of previous minutes and matters arising

Apologies received from Helen Scarfe (HS) and Sinead Connolly (SC)

Minutes of the previous meeting (21st May 2021) were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.

It was noted that a conflict of interest form was still required for committee members. **Action – ND to produce form.** All other action points from the previous meeting had been completed

2. Education and Training

NM confirmed that an updated agenda had now been agreed for the educational meeting that will be taking place via Zoom on 24th September. Speakers will be contacted to request presentations in advance of the meeting. **Action – ND and RS to provide outstanding email addresses of speakers.**

NM and SC will be meeting with BOPA shortly to discuss logistics for the day.

NM has designed a feedback form and certificate of attendance. The feedback form was reviewed and approved. It was agreed to circulate it via an on-line survey platform.

NM confirmed that provisional approval had been granted for a small educational grant from the Oxford Haematology Unit to support development of future BMT e-learning modules. A meeting has taken place with Charlie Clark and the BOPA Education and Training sub-committee and once a decision has been reached on which educational communication company BOPA is going to work with in future, we should be in a position to move forward with development of the next module(s). Further discussion is required in relation to what topic to cover next and options include conditioning schedules, GVHD and management of infections. ND confirmed that Catherine Loughran from Nottingham was interested in supporting an infection module. It was agreed that a VOD module was probably not required as that is already available via the EBMT platform – it may be possible to hyperlink to this resource via the BOPA site. **Actions – ND to speak to EBMT pharmacist committee chairs re linking to VOD module. NM/SC to ask for expressions of interest in relation to contributing to future modules - via the email group and potentially at the educational meeting on the 24th September.**

3. e-mail group / BOPA website update

ND updated the committee on the membership list which now sits at 83 members with representation from all UK adult allograft centres along with a small number of autograft-only centres. The group now has some paediatric members and one from New Zealand also. All key group information is now live on the group's page on the BOPA website. **Action – ND to send email to group explaining the benefits of using the group web page in terms of searching previous email conversation threads and accessing a list of group members.**

4. Audit and Research update

SS confirmed that the melphalan questionnaire is ready to be circulated to group members alongside an email outlining the plans to develop and audit and research database and requesting submissions from group members. **Action – SS to email group**

LD explained that she is interested in doing a collaborative project on methotrexate toxicity in the setting of obesity and needed details of key pharmacy contacts in UK centres. It was suggested that Pinkie Chambers would be an ideal person to link in with. **Action – LD to contact Pinkie**

The possibility of reviewing outcomes in patients who have received ruxolitinib for GVHD (post NHSE approval) was discussed as a possible collaborative project. It was suggested that we should discuss further with Fiona Dignan in Manchester as there may already be work ongoing in this area. **Action LD to contact Fiona Dignan**

5. AOB

RS noted the recent shortage of Anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG) that had been raised on the email forum. ND confirmed that this had not been raised at BMT CRG level and the consensus was that this was likely to be a short-term issue for a few weeks only and did not require escalation at this stage. However, this would be kept under review.

Date of Next Meeting

Early December 2021. **Action - ND to send out Doodle poll to confirm date**