

Latin American Bone Marrow Transplantation (LABMT) Group

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We are very proud to share with you this first product of the collaboration between the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) programs in Latin America. Dr. Cristian Sotomayor, from Chile, had the initiative of conducting a survey to make the information on HSCT training programs within Latin American available. It is an important option for all our colleagues. It may decrease the cost of travelling and lodging, and increase access, since they are offered in Spanish and Portuguese.

We would also like to celebrate it as the first publication of the Education and Dissemination Committee of the Latin American Bone Marrow Transplantation (LABMT) Group. The LABMT was created in 2011, according to a Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT) request, to be a voice of the Latin American Hematology and Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation Societies to WBMT and, ultimately, to the World Health Organization. The main goals of the LABMT group are to know our HSCT activity and outcomes, to define minimal requirements for safe patient care and graft processing, to introduce quality as a toll to guide the development and improvement of the HSCT programs, to promote learning opportunities for all professionals involved in the care of HSCT patients, to promote relationships and twinning between the HSCT centers and, above all, to protect the patients and donors.

For our fellows, eager to learn about HSCT, there are many education opportunities: first, www.cure4kids.org - a free educational website generously created by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There are three regular HSCT meetings in Spanish and/or Portuguese in Room Chile (ASH-Latin America), Room Brazil (TMO Pediatrico) and Room Mexico (Grupo Mexicano de

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Transplante de Progenitores Hematopoyéticos); you just have to register at www.cure4kids.org and send us an e-mail asking to be included in the group. The National Marrow Donor Program, among other resources, has many important classes recorded that are open access <https://bethematchclinical.org/resources-and-education/education-courses-and-events/curriculum/curriculum-modules-and-videos>. The EBMT (www.ebmt.org) has on their website the slides from all Annual Meeting presentations, from the ESH-EBMT Training Course of HSCT (under Education – Materials – Slide Bank), the revised EBMT-ESH Handbook on Haemopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation, all free to be downloaded. The Bone Marrow Transplantation journal has free access for fellows during their training.

LABMT does not have associates; our members are professional and scientific national societies, national outcomes registries, and accreditation organizations. But the work of LABMT Group is done through five Committees that are opened to the participation of any professionals: Transplant Center & Recipient Issues, Donor Issues, Graft Processing Accreditation and the Dissemination and Education Committee.

If you would like to be part of any of our committees, just send us an e-mail and we will get you involved!

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