Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease
Webinar: Let’s Learn from the Experts

October 27, 2021
12:00-1:30 pm
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Allogeneic transplants, the grading of cGVHD, growing risk factors, how the skin, eyes and lungs are affected and treatment options.

Connie A. Sizemore, Pharm. D.

Handling emotions during a cGVHD diagnosis and how to build a support network and thrive

Dawn Speckhart, PhD

Signs and symptoms of cGVHD and the benefits of a patient diary

Latasha McCoy, BSN, RN

Survivor story regarding tackling cGVHD skin issues as they surface

Lisa Loutzenhisen, survivor

Question and Answer Period
The National Bone Marrow Transplant Link (nbmtLINK) is dedicated to helping individuals and their families from diagnosis through survivorship. We work with hospitals, cancer centers, and other organizations to reinforce and complement medical care by providing resources, support and education.

We link you to experts across the country in all topics related to transplant and to others who have made it through the journey before you.

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RESOURCES TO HELP FAMILIES NAVIGATE THE TRANSPLANT JOURNEY

Lunch & Learn Programs, award winning Marrow Masters podcasts, multiple webinars, and blogs from those who have been through the transplant process on all things related to disease specific information, survivorship issues, coping, and symptom management.

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Second Birthdays Recognition Program

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Connie Sizemore is a Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner with the Northside Hospital Cancer Institute: Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Transplant, Leukemia and Immunotherapy Program, Atlanta GA. She received her Bachelor of Science (1993) and Doctor of Pharmacy (1997) degree from the University of Tennessee and Mercer University at Atlanta, GA. She completed a general clinical pharmacy residency at Piedmont Hospital/Mercer University, Atlanta and remained at this institution for several years as a clinical pharmacy specialist prior to moving to Northside Hospital. Connie has been very involved in professional organizations and activities throughout her career. She has presented at international and national pharmacy meetings and has been a contributing author on numerous publications in the field of stem cell transplantation and oncology pharmacy. As a member of the National Marrow Donor Program’s System Capacity Initiative Pharmacy Working Group, she worked along with others to develop pharmacy specific FACT standards and currently represents pharmacy on the FACT standard committee. Connie is an advocate for involvement in multiple spectrums of clinical pharmacy.
Dr. Dawn Speckhart is the Clinical Health Psychologist for the Blood and Marrow transplant program at Northside Hospital. Dawn received her doctorate from Indiana University and has been working with bone marrow transplant patients for over 20 years. Her main area of research focuses on how psychosocial factors impact transplant outcomes.
Latasha McCoy is the Graft Versus Host Disease Nurse for the Northside Hospital Cancer Institute: Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Transplant, Leukemia and Immunotherapy Program, Atlanta Georgia. In 2013, she received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology & Human Services from Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. In 2015, she began working as a Bone Marrow Transplant/Leukemia Resource Coordinator for Northside Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing (2019) at Chamberlin University College of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. She completed the BMT nursing residency at the Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Transplant, Leukemia and Immunotherapy at Northside Hospital inpatient unit prior to transferring into the GVHD nurse role. Latasha is primarily responsible for the assessment, documentation, staging and grading of GVHD per the guidelines established by the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR) and the NIH Consensus Group. Latasha is an advocate for patients that are experiencing GVHD and works with the multidisciplinary team to ensure that patients receive timely assessments and treatments tailored to manage their GVHD symptoms to optimize their quality of life.
Lisa Loutzenhisser is 58 years-old and an AML & SCT survivor. Lisa was diagnosed in January, 2020, treated with rounds of chemo, and received an allogeneic stem cell transplant in May of 2020. She is a northern California native, living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Lisa is a mom to 2 beautiful daughters, and is a newlywed (December will be a year!) to her best friend of many years. She is a teacher out on disability since her diagnosis and missing it a lot! Lisa loves to travel, read, and work out in the yard. Lisa is currently MRD negative, feeling good and so happy to be here to share her story.