Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease Webinar

Improving the Quality of Life for Patients with GVHD Through Occupational Therapy, Good Nutrition and Psychosocial Strategies

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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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.

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Leora Ellen Comis is a senior staff occupational therapist in the Occupational Therapy section of the NIH Clinical Center. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indiana and a Master's in Public Health Administration from The City University of New York at Baruch College. She is a certified lymphedema therapist and has Board Certification in Physical Rehabilitation. Her clinical and research interests include the development of advanced standards of care for people with chronic, rare and/or complex medical conditions with a specialization in graft versus host disease (GVHD), oncology and lymphedema management. Currently Leora serves as Associate Investigator on several protocols across various NIH institutes including National Cancer Institute, National Heart Lung and Blood, National Human Genome Research Institute and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. She is a recipient of four Clinical Center Director's Awards, honored to be named as a Fellow to the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and has received several local, state and national awards in recognition of her clinical skills. Leora has numerous peer-reviewed publications and national presentations associated with her research and clinical initiatives with chronic Graft Versus Host Disease, Turner Syndrome and Premature Ovarian Insufficiency.
Sarah Henke is a Clinical Research Dietitian at the NIH where she works as part of several transplant teams to assist patients in optimizing their nutrition status before, during and after transplant. She completed her Dietetic Internship at The George Washington University Hospital with a special emphasis on critical care and nutrition support. Prior to working at the NIH, she worked at Suburban Hospital covering a variety of services but with a focus on nutrition support and critical care.
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I am the Staff Social Worker at nbmtLINK. I have practiced oncology social work for over 25 years. I received my Master's degree from Wayne State University. The majority of my career was managing the oncology social work programs at Ascension Health. As a direct care/working manager I have gotten the honor of supporting, educating, and learning from many great patients over the years. I use these lessons in my private practice as well as at the LINK.