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Learning objectives

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Compare unique care models that can impact patient satisfaction.
- · Describe the care delivery value of methods presented.
- Evaluate the feasibility of incorporating novel processes or unique care methods at your program.
- Assess mechanisms to evaluate the impact of care model changes.



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Learning objectives

- Learn from each other
 - Share BMT clinical care models, unique processes & innovative ideas to improve patient care and patient satisfaction.
- Add to your personal network
 - Audience members: share your experiences and make connections with others.



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Improving Efficiency in the URD Search Process

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MSKCC Adult BMT Program



Search & Transplant Volume*

- 400 Preliminary Search Submissions
- 262 URD Formal Searches (+/- cords)
- 166 Transplants
 - 114 URD transplants
 - · 52 Cord transplants

*Projected volume based on year to date numbers

Team

- · 23 Transplant Physicians
- · 6 Search Coordinators



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URD Searches at MSKCC

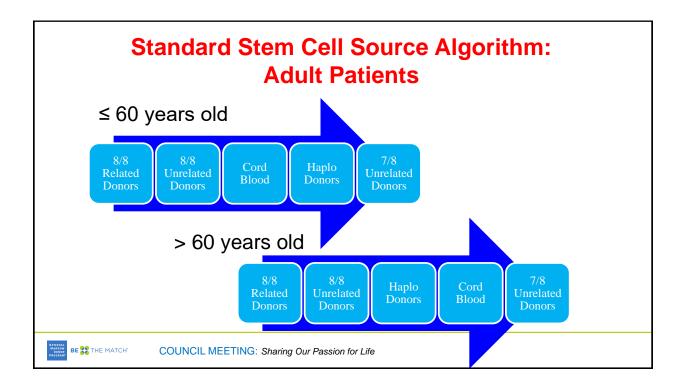
- Only ~ 50% of patients without a matched related donor will have an available 8/8 URD.
- Searches are on <u>spectrum</u> from easy to difficult
 - ~35% of searches: can predict with certainty the best donor.
 - ~65% of searches: cannot be predicted with certainty.
 - Incorporate HapLogicSM predictions to guide CT.



Goals for Revamping the MSKCC Search Process

- Improve Speed & Efficiency
- Reduce Costs
- Reduce Coordinator Anxiety

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Very Good

≥ 20 8/8 potential donors with a ≥ 85% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles

Good

- 5 19 8/8 potential donors with a ≥ 85% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- ≥ 20 8/8 potential donors with a ≥ 70% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

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- 1-4 8/8 potential donors with ≥ 85% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- 1-19 8/8 potential donors with ≥ 70% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- ≥ 5 8/8 potential donors with a 40 69% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles

Poor

- 1-4 8/8 potential donors with 40 69% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- ≥ 1 8/8 potential donor with 25 39% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- ≥ 1 7/8 potential donors with a ≥ 70% chance likelihood of matching at 7 alleles
- ≥ 10 7/8 potential donors with a 25 69% chance likelihood of matching at 7 alleles

Very Poor

- ≥ 1 8/8 potential donor with ≤ 24% chance likelihood of matching at 8 alleles
- ≥ 1 7/8 potential donor with ≤ 24% chance likelihood of matching at 7 alleles

Futile

- 0 8/8 & 7/8 donor options

revising based on new data



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Validation of Search Prognosis Categorization by Patient Ancestry

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Total:	830	499 (60%)			2	443	286 (65%)		-	
Very Good	217	217 (100%)	< 0.001		4	137	135 (99%)	< 0.001	-	
European	188	188 (100%)		N/A	4	119	118 (99%)	-	0.235	
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Non-European	87	2 (2%)		0.056	0	33	0 (0%)	-	3.470	

Overall, 60% of pts had \geq 1 8/8 URD identified. All pts in Very Good & Good SPC categories had an 8/8 URD identified, & of those who went to transplant almost all received an 8/8 URD

Davis et al, ASBMT submitted

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- · 76% of Fair & 48% of Poor category pts had an 8/8 URD identified but % significantly worse in non-European than European pts.
- Very Poor & Futile categories were highly predictive of no 8/8 URD.
- · For the 58 non-European pts in the Poor, Very Poor, & Futile categories who proceeded to transplant, none received a BMT with an 8/8 URD.

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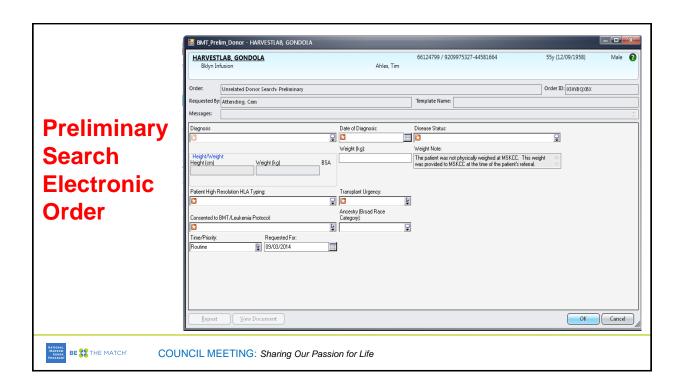
Tailoring Donor Priority with Transplant Urgency

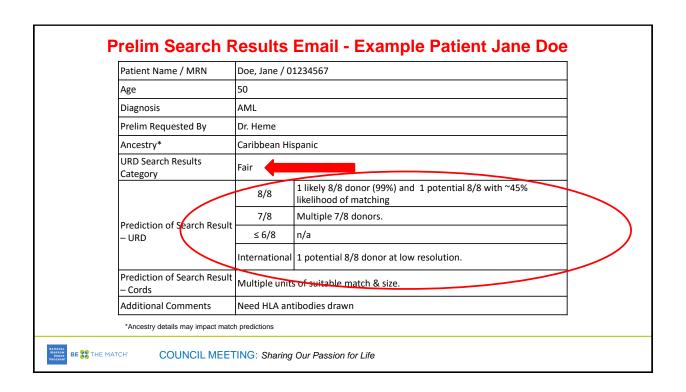
Transplant		URD SEARCH PROGNOSIS						
Transplant Urgency	Very Good / Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Futile			
Very Urgent: Admission < 4 weeks	1st: 8/8 URDs & CBs 2nd: 7/8 URDs	1st: 8/8 URDs & CBs	1st: CBs 2nd: 8/8 & 7/8 URDs	1st: CBs 2nd: 8/8 & 7/8 URDs	1st: CBs			
Urgent: Admission 4 – 6 weeks	1st: 8/8 URDs 2nd: CBs	2nd: 7/8 URDs	1st: 8/8 URDs & CBs 2nd: 7/8 URDs					
Standard: Admission > 6 weeks	1 st : 8/8 URDs	1st: 8/8 URDs 2nd: CBs 3rd: 7/8 URDs						

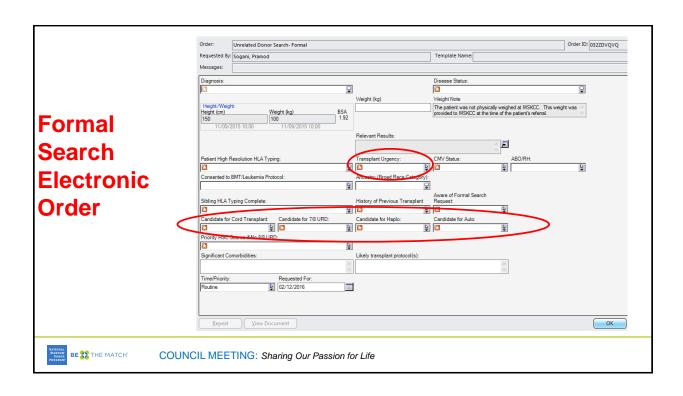
NOTE: Insurance coverage available for typing is also considered with evaluating the likelihood of securing 8/8 MUD.

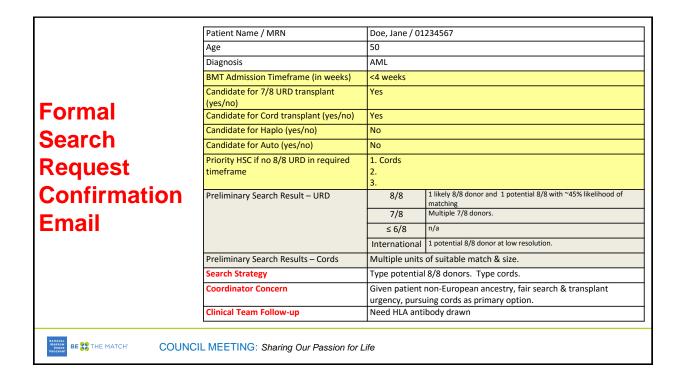
Urgency influences triage of MUD vs CBU typing.











Search Committee Meeting

Patient Name (Last, First)	MRN	Referring Physician BMT Physician	Age Diagnosis	MSK Search Prognosis	Search Stage	Additional Info
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Conclusions

Improve Speed & Efficiency

- Moves patients to allo graft in timely fashion.
- Avoids URD searches that will not deliver donor in required time period.

Reduce Costs

- Not wasting funds typing unnecessary donors/cords.
- Less damage control with patients on search result expectations what MD heard vs. what we said.

Reduce Coordinator Anxiety

- Formal Confirmation Email clearly outlines the search plan eliminates fear that MD will want a stem cell source that was not typed.
- More transparency in search.
- More efficient use of time.



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Patient-Centered Care: Why it matters and what you can do

Elisa Malek, RN, BSN, OCN Quality Manager, Stem Cell Transplant Service at UPMC



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THE LEMIEUX MISSION

- Gift from the Mario Lemieux Foundation (2011)
 - Goal: Build an innovative space focused on patient comfort and convenience in the outpatient setting
 - Goal: Create a calm and healing environment





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THE LEMIEUX MISSION

"Because of my own experience with Hodgkin's disease, I know first-hand what many of these patients are going through and how important it is to feel comfortable and relaxed when there is so much uncertainty and worry. It means a great deal to me and my family that my foundation is able to be a part of something that affects patient care in such a positive way."

- Mario Lemieux



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The Lemieux Center for Blood Cancers

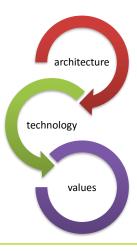
- Opened in January 2013
- 24,000 square foot outpatient treatment center
 - Clinic and treatment suites
 - Patient and Family Lounge
 - Laboratory
 - Pharmacy





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DESIGNING PATIENT-CENTERED CARE



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ARCHITECTURE



- · Therapeutic power of art and nature
 - Earth tones for a calming effect
 - Large glass windows for natural light
 - Visual installations of nature scenes with sound
 - Illuminated stone-like tiles
 - Plants
- · Patient-centered design

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TECHNOLOGY

- RTLS (Real Time Locating Services)
- Touchless, timed soap-scrubbing faucets
- Privacy glass
- Touch Screens
- GetWellNetwork
- Electronic Medical Record
- Workstations on Wheels



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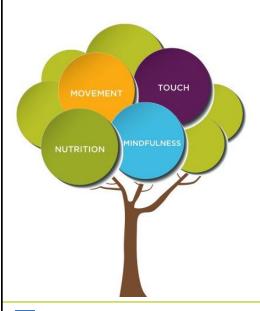
VALUES

- Everything in one place
 - Addition of new role: Patient Service Coordinator
 - Vitals, phlebotomy, physical exam, appt scheduling
- Treating the whole person
 - Integrative Oncology





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Integrative Oncology

Helping patients fight cancer From the Inside Out.

Works in concert with traditional cancer care to help patients address symptoms of their disease and treatment and improve their quality-of-life.

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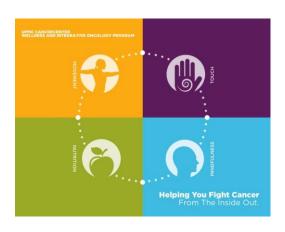
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Integrative Oncology

- Yoga
- Pilates
- Exercise
- Diet evaluation
- Herbal and supplemental assessment
- Food shopping
- Weight Management Counseling

- Massage therapy
- Acupuncture
- Reiki
- Meditation
- Music therapy
- Art therapy
- Aromatherapy





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The Wellness Suite

- Opened September 2016
- Program opened 3 years ago
- 250 patients treated



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The Wellness Suite











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The Wellness Suite









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Metrics of Success – Press Ganey

- 2012 (prior to Lemieux Center opening)
 - Overall ranking near 30th percentile
- 2013
 - Overall ranking near 90th percentile
- 2014, 2015, 2016
 - Scores consistently >90th percentile



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One Step At A Time...



- Ideas to consider for your center:
 - Add simple nature elements for "spa-like" feel
 - Incorporate calming color schemes
 - Create open spaces
 - Consider infrastructure changes to improve patient flow



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Medical Home HSCT Care

Martha Lassiter, RN,MSN, AOCNS, BMTCN Duke ABMT Clinical Nurse Specialist



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Current Care Model since 1992

- Traditional Inpatient Unit-16 beds
 - Allogeneic Myeloablative HSCT
 - Until engraftment
 - Autologous HSCT
 - · BEAM regimen
 - · CBV regimen
 - Until prep regimen completed
 - Daily follow up in day hospital and reside locally

- Outpatient Day Hospital- 7 day access
 - Autologous HSCT
 - Melphalan
 - Allogeneic Nonmyeloablative HSCT
 - Allogeneic Reduced Intensity HSCT
 - Autologous following preparative regimen given inpatient
 - Apheresis
 - Photopheresis
 - Hematologic malignancy patients



Current Care Model since 1992

- Inpatient unit main hospital
- Outpatient day hospital is 3 blocks from main hospital
- · Pharmacy on site- not dispensing
- Shuttle service between buildings
 - Routine chest x-rays
 - Procedures
- Courier service
- Local corporate apartment housing options



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Off hours coverage

- Inpatient HSCT unit is the back up at night
- Throughfare via Duke ED
 - Safest route into the hospital
 - Easy parking
 - Communication with inpatient unit
- Directly admitted to HSCT unit



2011

- Dr. Ringden visited Duke ABMT Program to lecture at grand rounds
- February over dinner at 2011 Tandem......
- May 2011- 48 hours spent with the staff at Karolinska to observe home care
- Champion Krista Rowe, RN, MSN, AOCNS
- July 2011- first draft of protocol out to team for review





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Implementation

- IRB approval
- Risk management approval
 - Use of technology
 - Blood transfusions in the home
 - EHR security
- Insurance approval
 - Upfront communication with key payers
- Research funding
 - Gateway
 - NIH
- Transfusion service collaboration
- Pharmacy collaboration
- EPIC implementation summer 2013
- Buy in from the ABMT Team





CLINICAL ORSERVATIONS INTERVENTIONS AND THERAPEUTIC TRIALS

Home care during the pancytopenic phase after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation is advantageous compared with hospital care

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neic stem cell transplantation (SCT), pa- had hematologic malignancies and 19 related mortality rates (RR 0.22, P = .04), hospital to prevent neutropenic infec- phase. Of the donors, 25 were unrelated. pared with the controls treated in the hospitions. During a 3-year period, patients The patients spent a median of 16 days at tal. The 2-year survival rates were 70% in the home after SCT. Daily visits by an experi- charge to the outpatient clinic after SCT, significant) in the 2 control groups, respecenced nurse and daily phone calls from a patients spent a median of 4 days (range, tively (P < .03). To conclude, home care physician from the unit were included in 0-39 days) in the hospital. In the multivari- after SCT is a novel and safe approach. This the protocol. We compared 36 patients ate analysis, the home care patients were study found it to be advantageous, comwho wished to be treated at home with 18 discharged earlier (relative risk [RR] 0.33, pared with hospital care. (Blood. 2002;100: patients who chose hospital care (control P = .03), had fewer days on total paren- 4317-4324) group 1). A matched control group of 36 teral nutrition (RR 0.24. P < .01). less acute

Blood, 15 December 2002 volume 100 number 3

After myeloablative treatment and alloge- control group 2. All home care patients II-IV (RR 0.25, P = .01), lower transplantationtients are kept in isolation rooms in the were in first remission or first chronic and lower costs (RR 0.37, P < .05), comwere given the option of treatment at home (range, 0-26 days). Before dis-home care group versus 51% and 57% (not

patients treated in the hospital served as graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) grades © 2002 by The American Society of Hematology



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Hospital care or home care after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation - Patients' experiences of care and

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Abstract

Purpose

Treatment at home during the pancytopenic phase after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) has been an option for patients at our center since 1998. Earlier studies have shown that home care is safe and has medical advantages. In this study, we present patients' experiences of care and support while being treated in hospital or at home during the acute post-transplantation phase

Patients (n = 41, 22 in hospital care and 19 in home care) answered the SAUC questionnaire at discharge (when home, or from hospital). Both statistical analysis and deductive content analysis were used.

The patients were highly satisfied with the care and support during the acute posttransplantation phase. Patients in home care were found to be more satisfied with care in general than patients in hospital care. The importance of safety, empathy, and

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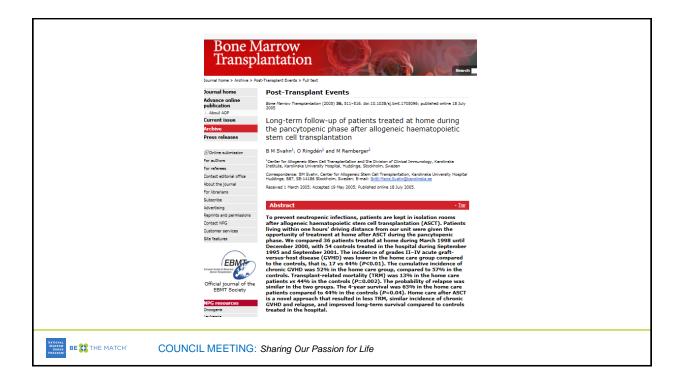
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We analyzed the outcome of allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) over the past 2 decades. Between 1992 and 2009, 953 patients were treated with HSCT, mainly for a hematologic malignancy. They were divided ware treated with FSCI, mainty for a hematologic treatment. 1992 to 1995, 1996 to 2000, 2001 to according to 4 different time periods of treatment. 1992 to 1995, 1996 to 2000, 2001 to 2005, and 2005 to 2009. Over the years, many factors have changed considerably regarding to patient age, diagnosis, disease stage, type of donor, stem cell source, periods of the control of the cytotoxic T cells, and home care. When we compared the last period (2006-2009) with cytotoxic T cells, and home care. When we compared the last period (2006-2009) with earlier periods, we found slower neutrophil engrathment, a higher incidence of a cutle graft-versus-host disease (aGVHD) of grades II-IV, and less chronic GVHD (cGHVD). The incidence of relapse was unchanged over the 4 periods (252%-255%). Overall surviv (OS) and transplant-related mortality (TRIM) improved significantly in the more recent periods, with the best results during the last period (2006-2009) and a 100-40 y TRIM of 5.5%. This improvement was also apparent in a multivariate analysis. When correcting for effectivence behaven the 4 covers the hostard relation from the particular to the corrections. for differences between the 4 groups, the hazard ratio for mortality in the last period was

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Objectives

- Primary
 - Compare bowel microbiota before and during the first 100 days between home treatment and clinic treatment (living at home)
- Secondary
 - Assess infection rates
 - Assess nutritional status (PG-SGA)
 - GvHD incidence
 - Morbidity/mortality
 - QOL (FACT-BMT)
 - Cost comparison



Candidates

- Within 90 minute driving distance to Duke
 - 3 counties
 - All subjects have been within 40 minutes to Duke
- HSCT from any source
- Options
 - Live at home/Treat at home
 - Live at home/Treat at clinic daily
- No active infections



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Organization

- Staff caring for HSCT patients should be experts
 - Declined to use home care nurses
 - Team from inpatient unit and outpatient day hospital
 - Did use home care expertise for training of HSCT nurses
 - Same standard of care as provided in traditional setting





Is every local patient a candidate?

- · Safety first
 - Fall risks
 - Infection risk
 - Caregiver 24/7
 - Children in the home
 - Food safety
- Pets allowed in the home but not during treatment times
 - Assess the pet living arrangements





Reimbursement Issues

- · Only private payers eligible
 - No medicare/medicaid
 - Advanced practice providers are billed as home visits
 - · Attending physician "remote visit" is unbillable encounter
 - Most private payers pay on a case rate
 - Language
 - Transplant nurses as opposed to home health nurses



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Care at home model

- Conditioning regimen administered in traditional setting
- HSCT administered in traditional setting
- Discharge for home care on DOT +1
- If naïve to transfusions, first transfusion administered in ABMT day hospital
- Methotrexate for GvHD prophylaxis administered in ABMT day hospital



Care at home model

- · Advanced practice provider
 - Early am visit
 - Assessment
 - · Vital signs and draw labs
 - Return to ABMT day hospital to run labs and discuss assessment with ABMT team
- RN visit
 - Administer therapy based on lab results/assessment
 - Blood products
 - Electrolyte supplementation
 - · IV fluids
 - · Symptom management
 - Education
- Supplies
 - Set up a treatment station in the home
 - Scale
 - CVC supplies



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Embracing technology

- · Daily Facetime with attending physician
- · Ability to Facetime with consultants
 - Registered dietitian
 - Social worker
 - Financial counselors
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist

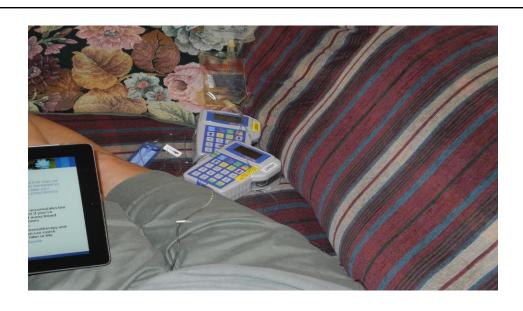




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BE THE MATCH

Results

- First treat at home transplant September, 2011
- Ability to treat 1 at home patient at a time
- Treated 19 home based transplant patients
 - Short hiatus 2012 due to staffing issues
 - Hiatus 2013 during EPIC implementation
 - Last half of 2014-8 maternity leaves



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Yes there are challenges

- · Safety first
 - Environmental issues
 - Staffing issues
 - Not everyone is a candidate
 - Not all staff members are enthusiastic
- Resource allocation
 - Physician
 - APP's
 - RN's
- Cost unknown



Patient/Staff feedback

- Overall positive
- · Unexpected feedback
 - Feeling of isolation
 - · Began visits to the clinic daily
 - Palliative care
- A realistic view of home environments that we send ALL our HSCT patients home to
- A certain intimacy providing care in the patient's living room



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Caregiver Comments

- Having the nurse here in the house allowed me to work from home staying in contact with work saving a good amount of vacation days.
- The only negative that I experienced was feeling that at times _____ might have been more cooperative at the clinic with the nurses than home with me (when the PAs and nurses had gone home). I was frustrated a few times that he wouldn't always follow "doctor's orders." However, I truly believe that ____ ultimate recovery was due in part to being able to remain in his own home.
- While going through an extremely difficult situation where so many things are out of your control and can be very scary, to have the comfort of being in your own space, sleeping in the comfort of your own bed, and having your own things certainly helped ease some of the stress of a very stressful situation.



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Early data

Average # home visits (APP)	12.7
Average # home visits (RN)	10.1
Average # days of IV antibiotics in home	4.1 7.1 (total)
Overall # ED visits	1
Average # days of transfusions in the home (9 additional done in traditional setting for some patients)	2.2

****Based on 15 autologous transplant patients 4 allogeneic transplant patients



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Live at home/Come to clinic

- Collecting same data
- Increased the range for patients to live at home
 - Traditionally Durham proper
 - Expanded to 3 county area



Duke Performs First At-home Bone Marrow Transplant By Marty Fisher

When Nelson Chao, MD, visited his bone marrow transplant patient, David Lenat, one recent morning, the scene was not what you'd expect. No sterila hospital room, no awkward gown or face mask. Instead, Lenat sat in his own Raleigh living room in a comfortable leather recliner by a crackling fire, steaming mug of coffee in one hand and a copy of The Neurs & Observer open on his lap. His wife, Georgia, returning from her morning run, leaned down to kiss his forehead.

Lenat is one of the first patients in the world to benefit from a new clinical trial of at-home bone marrow transplant led by Chao, chief of the Division of Cellular Therapy and professor of immunology.

Normally, the Lenats would have had to rent an apartment close by Duke University Hospital during the one- to two-month transplant and recovery. Instead, he received outpatient chemotherapy at Duke to treat multiple myeloma, then went home, where nurses and other practitioners came several times a day.

in the outpatient setting. Lenat's stem cells were setting to the setting the setting an injection to wipe out his remaining stem cells, leaving him with no immune system. Finally, the harvested stem cells were returned, and he went home to endure the month-long process of waiting for his immune system to regrow.

"I spent a lot of time reclining in a fancy leather chair my wife bought me," says Lenat. "We didn't have any real disruptions, no daily trips back and forth to Durham. [Renting an apartment] doesn't sound so bad, but there are a bazillion little things that you would miss."

Chao, who holds the Donald D. and Elizabeth G. Cooke Cancer Research Professorship, says trying the risky and challenging at-home transplant was motivated in part by listening to patients, who craved the security and comfort of home while undergoing a frightening, difficult procedure and recovery. He also was intrigued by Continued on page 5



David Lenat was able to stay in his own home with



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"The microbe is nothing, the terrain is everything."

-Claude Bernard

Father of "blind experiments" and homeostasis

