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Dear BSBMTCT member,

We hope all remains well with you and your teams and you are having a nice summer with a chance to take a break. It's just a brief bulletin this time.

Otherwise, as always, there remains much happening...

- The **BSBMTCT Commissioners report and Centre reports** are in progress and will be available **around the first week of September**. In the meantime, the latest EBMT Benchmarking reports were sent to all eligible centres on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. If you would like some assistance with these, we are able to help.
- **Vaccination** remains central to our current mission. The national multi-speciality **OCTAVE Study** of immune response post-COVID vaccination is still recruiting within the core and other IMPACT centres, with now over 150 patients recruited to deep immunophenotyping and serology arms. Many thanks to all centres involved. The HSCT arm for the follow on **OCTAVE DUO Study** is rolling out to compare responses in low and non-responders to Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines. Our **BSBMTCT COVID-19 guidelines and vaccination guidelines** continue to provide up to date guidance: <https://bsbmtct.org/bsbmtct-and-covid/>.
- We don't have to remind you of the importance of **JACIE**, and you will know that JACIE stopped all inspections in March 2020 due to the pandemic and consequent pressures on centres and restrictions on travel. There were provisions made including extension of accreditation period, but, even so, a substantial backlog has accumulated. To tackle these challenging issues, processes for remote and focussed inspection processes have been developed by the JACIE team, which will roll out progressively to provide innovative and more efficient means of delivering inspections going forward. More detailed information will appear in the EBMT <https://www.ebmt.org> and JACIE <https://www.ebmt.org/jacie-accreditation> websites and newsletters in coming weeks and we will endeavour to keep you signposted from BSBMTCT.
- We continue to develop workforce, revised BMT indications, modernising internal workings of the society and strengthening links with our key partners in ongoing projects. We are planning to recruit **new members to our Executive Committee via elections** soon to deliver specific and essential roles in our Society.
- Our **BSBMTCT Education Day** will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**. Will be adding more information to our website in due course.
- The next **BSBMTCT CTC Meeting** will be fully virtual and will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021** between 11-3pm. Please save the date. More details to follow.

Our very best wishes,- we hope to see many of you soon after your well-deserved summer breaks.

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