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Dear BSBMTCT member,

We hope all remains well with you and your teams and you have had good summer breaks.

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

- The **BSBMTCT Commissioners report and Centre reports** have now been completed and have been shared with the relevant commissioners and with the vast majority of centres that have paid membership. For NHSE centres, reports have been reviewed by the commissioners via the BMT Clinical Reference Group and feedback will be communicated through the annual process. Special thanks to the BSBMTCT registry staff and Rachel Pearce (along with all our centre data managers) for their hard work over the last several months in producing such comprehensive and clinically detailed reports, which directly benefit the quality of patient care. Please share your centre information with your transplant teams and referral base as appropriate.
- **The vaccination story moves on, with progress on third vaccines, though COVID remains an issue**, even with our the fully vaccinated patients and staff. The national multi-speciality **OCTAVE Study** of immune response post-COVID vaccination is recruiting until the first week in October within the core and other IMPACT centres, with now over 180 patients recruited to deep immunophenotyping and serology arms. Analysis of the full OCTAVE cohort (with the HSCT cohort amongst several thousand patients across clinically extremely vulnerable groups) will proceed shortly. Many thanks to all centres involved. The HSCT arm for the follow on **OCTAVE DUO Study** compares responses in low and non-responders to Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines. The HSCT arm is in the second wave of the study and has so far recruited 17 patients. Our **BSBMTCT COVID-19 guidelines and vaccination guidelines** continue to provide guidance: <https://bsbmtct.org/bsbmtct-and-covid/> and will be updated in October.
- 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. We will be advertising for three new roles in the coming weeks, these include Chairs for the following sub-committees; Guidelines, Workforce and Indications.
- Our **BSBMTCT Education Day** will be held on **Wednesday 3rd November 2021**. Registration is now open. Full details can be found on our website <https://bsbmtct.org/events/bsbmtct-education-day-2021/> We will also be holding a General Meeting during our Education day at 1.30pm. This is open to Programme Directors (or delegates) with the intention to agree on certain aspects of the running of the society. Papers for this will be sent in due course.
- The next **BSBMTCT CTC Meeting** will be fully virtual and will be held on **Thursday 25th November 2021** between 11-3pm. Please save the date and submit project proposals, if you have ideas in mind. More details to follow.

Our very best wishes - we hope to see many of you soon now that face-to-face meetings are becoming more common.

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