

# Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease Webinar

**Improving Life for Patients with cGVHD with a  
Focus on Lung Issues, Psychosocial Support, a  
Personal Perspective and More**

**Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023  
Noon to 1:30 pm EST (1.30 hours)**



# **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

## **Introduction to nbmtLINK**

**Dr. Greg Yanik, 20 minutes**

**Lauren Saban, LMSW, 20 minutes**

**Beck Dame, 20 minutes**

**Questions, 30 minutes**

## **Question and Answer Period**



## Our Mission

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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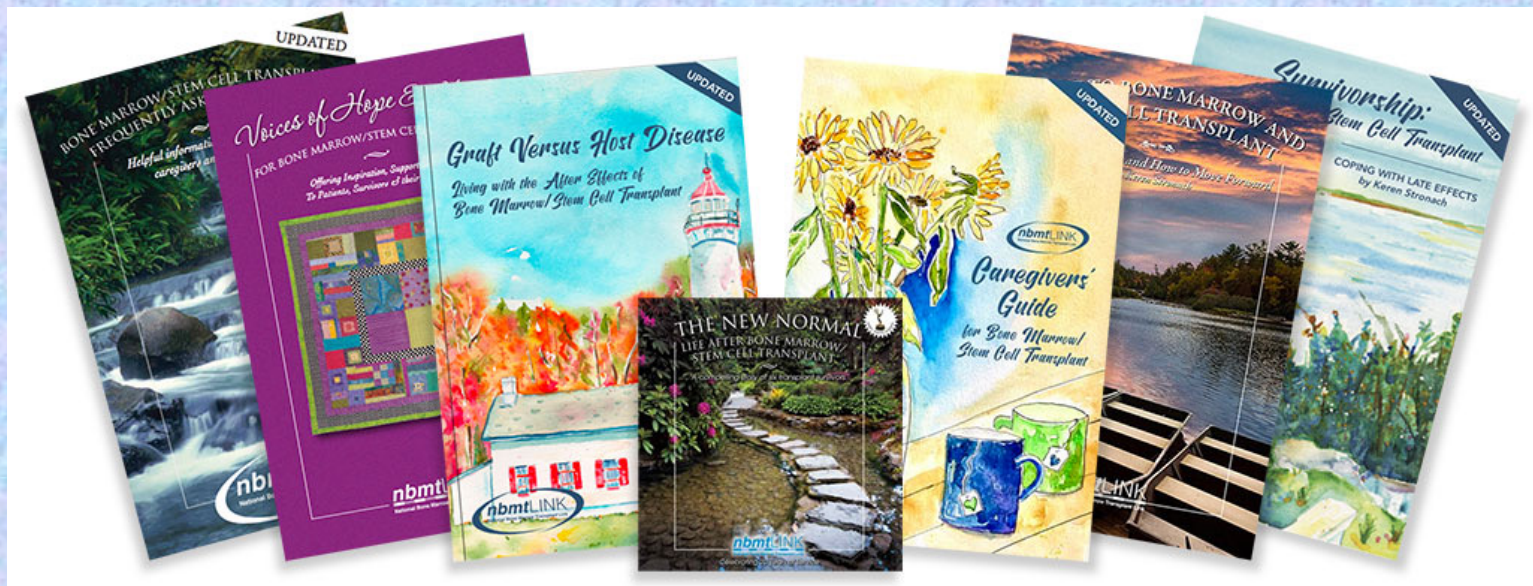
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# Resources to Help Families Navigate the Transplant Journey

- **Lunch & Learn Programs, podcasts, multiple webinars, and blogs from those who have been through the transplant process on all things related to transplant including disease specific information, survivorship issues, coping, and symptom management.**
  - **Peers Support Mentor Program for Patients and Caregivers**
    - **Second Birthdays Recognition Program**
- **Resource books, materials, emotional support from a licensed social worker and referrals**
  - **Resources and stories of support via our Facebook page**



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# Gregory Yanik, MD

**Clinical Professor, Specialty Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine**

**Treatment of acute lung injury post-transplant**

**Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic | C. S. Mott Children's Hospital**



Dr. Gregory Yanik has been a faculty member within the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program and Division at the University of Michigan since 1992. He was born and raised in the Detroit area, attended medical school at Wayne State University and trained in hematology-oncology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He and his wife Marybeth have three grown children. Dr. Yanik has been the recipient of many prestigious awards in recognition of his contributions to medical research, clinical care, and education, including the Leland and Elaine Blatt Professorship of Pediatric Oncology, the University of Michigan Pediatric Teacher of the Year Award, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Chairman's Citation for Outstanding Service. Dr. Yanik is the founder of and chairs the Executive Committee for the Children's Hematology Alliance of Michigan (CHAMI), a unique alliance of pediatric hematology/practice teams in the State of Michigan whose goal is to continuously improve the quality of care for children with these medical conditions regardless of where they are treated in the State. In addition to these many activities, Dr. Yanik makes time to serve on the Executive Committee for Make a Wish Michigan.

# Lauren Saban, LCSW

## Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center



*Lauren Saban, LCSW, is a clinical social worker at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). She graduated from the NYU Silver School of Social Work in May 2019 and joined MSKCC in December 2019. She has special training in trauma-informed child and adolescent care from the National Institute for the Psychotherapies. She has more than 3.5 years of experience supporting patients, caregivers and families cared for by both the inpatient and outpatient Adult Bone Marrow Transplant and Cell Therapy services at MSKCC.*



# ***Becky Dame, RN, Survivor and Information Specialist for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society***



Becky was diagnosed as a college student in 1991, and received her first bone marrow transplant in 1992. At this time, she felt called to be a nurse and changed from a music major to nursing school, marrying her husband on the day she graduated. For 18 years, she went through cycles of relapse, always on the lookout for the newest treatments for her disease. Then, in 2010, she received a matched unrelated donor (MUD) transplant, and was able to break that cycle. Today, however, Becky battles Graft vs. Host Disease (GVHD).

In 2017, she joined The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, where she says it's her goal to share her "pearls" of wisdom with patients, caregivers, and anyone else that she can find commonalities with.