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EHA SWG « Elderly Task Force in Hematology

Chair: Dr D. Bron

1. Name of the SWG

“SWG on Aging and Hematology”

2. General description of SWG focus and mission

- Gather together a maximum of doctors, scientists, nurses, patients associations, other applicants... for a two days brainstorming on the specific issues of elderly patients with benign or malignant hemopathies
- Present an update of the current knowledge in the field
- Establish registries of ongoing research on immuno-senescence, biomarkers of aging, cognitive function impairment with aging, randomized trials in elderly, etc ...
- Recommend practical geriatric assessment tools before treatment decision
- Recommend Screening tools for fitness, for survival, for toxicity and for dependence
- Help the SWG "guidelines" of the EHA to establish recommendations for management of older patients
- Collaborate with other SWGs to establish recommendations for management of older patients.

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See appendix #1
7. List of activities

- EHA 21st (June 2016 - Copenhagen) scientific working group session
  - L Ysebaert: Tolerance of targeted therapies in older patients with malignant hemopathies
  - S Zweegman: Towards a chemo-free therapeutic approach in "frail" patients with hematological malignancies
  - R Stauder: Clinical relevance of GA in hematological malignancies in daily practice and in clinical trials
- 12th June 2016: Scientific meeting to prepare the forthcoming SWG meeting scheduled in May 2017? September 2017?
- ASH (Dec 2016) scientific meeting to finalize the SWG workshop that will be held during EHA 22nd and to decide about the content of a “e-handbook on the management of older patients by onco-hematologists”

8. List of other scientific future activities

- SWG EHA 22nd (Friday June 23rd 2017 - Madrid)
  - D. Bron: Unsolved questions in the frail population?
  - T. Fulop: Immuno-senescence: A dogma?
  - R. Solala: Why and how to vaccinate older patients?
- EHA SWG Workshop on Aging and Hematology
  Due to conflict of dates with the MDS meeting in Valencia and the absence of the “myeloid” speakers, this workshop will be postponed (September 2017?)
- Guidelines in “The management of anemia in older patients”
- Redaction of an e-book « What an hematologist should know about older patients? »

New goals for the future:
- Create a “EHA SWG on Aging” website: to publish the PDF presentations from our SWG sessions
- Our practical guidelines

9. List of grants obtained by SWG

Not applicable

10. List of publications from or related to the SWG including scientific publications, book chapters and general publications


11. List of activities and presentations at national and international meetings

- EHA 20th (June 2016) scientific working group session
- SIOG 2016 (November 2016) - chair of Hematological sessions (with Prof Fulop and Prof Stauder)
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