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**European Symposium 2010**

# **Transplant Nursing: Improving Patient Outcomes**



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**June 18-19, 2010**  
**Langenbeck Virchow Haus • Berlin, Germany**



## Langenbeck Virchow Haus Berlin, Germany June 18-19, 2010

“Transplant Nursing: Improving Patient Outcomes”, is the second International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) symposium specifically designed for European nurses and transplant professionals. The purpose is to facilitate professional development and continuing education for European transplant nurses. Leading transplant nurses and doctors will be speakers at this forum. This symposium consists of sessions specific to each type of solid organ transplant as well as general topics related to clinical transplant nursing. Recent advances and the newest information on improving the outcomes of transplant patients will be highlighted.

### Who Should Attend?

This Nursing Symposium is designed for transplant nurses, transplant coordinators, transplant educators, and other interested professionals working in the field of transplantation.

This two-day program will cover the following topics:

- Novel issues in Transplantation
- Challenges in Patient Education – different experts will report on their experiences “welcome to my world”
- Psychosocial aspects of transplantation
- Hands on: supporting the patient in medication self-management (case study reports)
- Pain management
- Supporting the patient in symptom and distress management
- Return to work and social re-integration
- Doing good for the Long-term: what impacts patients survival
- Waiting list management
- Caring for pediatric patients: covering their needs
- Alternatives to Transplantation: in mechanical assist device support

### Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide transplant nurses a comprehensive review of the nursing care of transplant candidates and recipients for all solid organs. Management of patients throughout all phases of the transplant process will be addressed.

### Symposium Format

The symposium material is presented in lecture format with discussion and questions over a two-day period. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and actively participate in the sessions.

### Symposium Objectives

- Identify new and upcoming challenges for transplant nursing in Europe
- Describe modern patient education strategies available
- Explain nurses roles in patient management strategies
- Describe psychosocial aspects of the transplant journey
- Develop strategies to support the patient in the long-term

### Symposium Organized by:

**ITNS** = International Transplant Nurses Society

**EUCAT** = European Academy of Transplantation

**AKTX** = German Transplant Nurses Working Group

**IPTA** = International Pediatric Transplant Association

### Symposium Chairs

Christiane Kugler (ITNS, EUCAT)

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Petra Hecker (AKTX)

Clare Whittaker (ITNS)

Fabienne Dobbels (IPTA)



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### Keynote Speaker

Sabina De Geest, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN

Sabina De Geest is a Professor of Nursing and Director of the Institute of Nursing Science of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Basel, Switzerland. She is also a part time Professor of Nursing at the Center for Health Services and Nursing Research at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) and adjunct Professor at the Schools of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania (USA), Johns Hopkins University (USA), the College of Nursing of New York University (USA) and University of Missouri (USA).

Sabina De Geest leads the Leuven Basel Adherence Research Group, an international interdisciplinary research group focusing on behavioral and psychosocial issues, with the ultimate goal of improving clinical outcomes in chronically ill patient populations (e.g., solid organ transplant, HIV-AIDS). Projects currently conducted in Belgium, Switzerland and the USA focus on the prevalence, determinants and consequences (both clinical and economic) of non-adherence to medication regimens, and on testing the efficacy of adherence enhancing interventions. Over time, the research group has expanded her focus to include assessment of the predictive value of pre-transplant psychosocial and behavioral factors regarding post-transplant outcomes, and the development and testing of instruments to assess specific psychosocial and behavioral factors.

Currently the Principal Investigator of three research projects at the University of Basel (CH) and the Katholieke Universiteit of Leuven (B), Sabina De Geest also chairs the Psychosocial Interest Group of the Swiss Transplant Cohort Study, a nation-wide cohort study started in May 2008, and heads the BRIGHT initiative, an international study exploring the relationship between broad system factors and medication adherence in transplant recipients.

Her research has been published in leading interdisciplinary journals. She is co-editor of the Journal of Nursing Scholarship and serves on the editorial board of the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) Journal, BioMed Central – Nursing, the European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing, Progress in Transplantation, Progress in Cardiovascular Nursing, and the International Journal of Health Policy. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2006 and as a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing in 2004.

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## Educational Materials

Handouts will be distributed to each participant. Handouts will consist of detailed outlines and/or slide handouts, lecture objectives, and references.

## Translation

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English and German during the lectures.

## Registration

Advanced registrations will be accepted through June 1, 2010. After June 1, 2010, all registrations must be made on-site at the registration desk at the Langenbeck Virchow Haus.

## Symposium Fees

ITNS, AKTX, EUCAT and IPTA members:

USA	UK	Euros
\$180	£108*	€120*

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\$216	£135*	€150*
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## Symposium Location & Travel Details

### Berlin, Germany

This once divided city, Berlin, Germany is now one of Europe's most exciting & colorful capitals. Berlin's vibrant city center brings visitors face to face with history and offers an array of restaurants and cafés, art galleries and outdoor shopping. A new gallery scene in the Mitte & Prenzlauer Berg districts is causing a stir in the international art world.

Berlin is a city of museums housing cultural treasure from all over the world including the Pergamon altar and the bust of Nefertiti as well as many more works of past and present masters. From Botanical Gardens to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum (the wall museum) to the Charlottenburg Palace featuring acclaimed masterpieces, there is truly an attraction for everyone.

Additional places of interest include the Brandenburg Gate, the Alexandeplatz a 368-metre observation tower with a rotating restaurant, Memorial Church on Kurfürsrendamm, Gendarmenmarket square, the German & French Cathedrals, and the dome of Reichstag with its fascinating architecture & splendid views.



### Symposium Venue

The Langenbeck Virchow Haus, our meeting location for the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Transplant Symposium, is located in the heart of Berlin, the capital of the re-united Germany. The historical building has hosted medical societies including the German Surgical Society and the Berlin Medical Association since 1915. The buildings walls whisper their stories about surviving the two World Wars, serving for parliament meetings during the decades of Berlin being separated, and the advances in science and medicine of the last century.

#### Langenbeck Virchow Haus

58/59 Luisenst  
Berlin, Germany 10117  
Telephone ++ 30 – 28 87 98 34  
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#### Arriving by Air

to the Langenbeck Virchow Haus:  
**Berlin is served by major airlines into two airports: the Tegel International Airport and the Schönefeld International Airport.**

**Bus service from the Airport operates from each of the terminals to downtown Berlin.**

From **Tegel Airport** (approximately 20 minutes) take the TXL bus to Karlplatz, from where it is approximately 3 minutes by foot in the direction of the Charité. From the opposite side of the street (Schumannstr./Luisenstr.) You can also take Bus 147 for one stop to the Charité-Campus Mitte bus stop. The bus stops directly in front of the Langenbeck Virchow Haus.

From **Schönefeld Airport** (approximately 45 minutes) take the underground (U-Bahn) to Friedrichstraße; here take Bus 147 (towards Leopoldplatz) as far as the Charité-Campus Mitte bus stop. The bus stops directly in front of the Langenbeck Virchow Haus. There are two railway connections RE 7 and RB 14 every 30 minutes to the mail railway station

(Berlin- Hauptbahnhof) that last only 28 minutes, from there you can take bus line 147 to Charité-Campus Mitte or line 245 (direction: Nordbahnhof) to the Mercure Hotel an der Charité' (bus stop Zinnowitzer Strasse.)

**Taxi Service – metered taxis are available outside of the terminals.**

#### Transfer times by taxi:

**Tegel: approximately 20 minutes  
Schönefeld: approximately 50-60 minutes**

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##### Train & Bus:

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##### By Car:

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##### Car Parking:

**Please note that the Langenbeck Virchow Haus does not have any parking facilities.**

There are two public parking garages nearby that cost approximately from 2.00 € per hour up to 12.00 € per day. Public transport or walking is recommended.

# Agenda



## Day 1 FRIDAY, June 18, 2010

08:00-09:00 Registration

### Plenary Session – Chronic Illness Management

Moderators: Christiane Kugler and Cindy Russell

09:00-09:15

#### Welcome Note

Hedwig Francois- Kettner  
Nurse Management Director  
Charité - University Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

09:15-10:00

#### Keynote Address: Why is Chronic Illness Management So Important

Sabina De Geest, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Professor of Nursing and Director  
Institute of Nursing Science  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Basel  
Basel, Switzerland

10:00-10:30

#### Pre-Transplant Screening – The Evidence Base

Fabienne Dobbels, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Center For Health Services and Nursing  
Research  
Catholic University Leuven  
Leuven, Belgium

10:30-11:00 Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits

### Plenary Session: Current Challenges in Transplantation

Moderators: Michelle James and Clare Whittaker

11:00-11:30

#### Patient Medication Adherence: Recent Meta-Analysis Findings

Vicki Conn, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Associate Dean & Potter- Brinton Distinguished  
Professor  
Editor, *Western Journal of Nursing Research*  
University of Missouri School of Nursing  
Columbia, Missouri USA

11:30-12:00

#### Doing Good For The Long-Term: What Impacts Patients Outcome

Christiane Kugler, PhD, RN  
Senior Research Fellow  
Integrated Treatment and Research Center  
Transplantation  
Department of Cardiothoracic and Transplant  
Surgery  
Hannover Medical School  
Hannover, Germany

12:00-12:30

#### Hands On: Supporting The Patient In Medication Self Management (Case Study Reports)

Case 1: Sandra Martin, MScN, RN  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
University Hospitals Leuven  
Leuven, Belgium

Case 2: Gerda Drent, PhD, RN  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
University Hospital Gronigen  
Gronigen, The Netherlands

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00-15:30 Breakout Sessions

### Breakout I

#### Novel Issues in Transplantation

Moderator: Frank van Gelder

14:00-14:30

#### ABO Incompatible Transplantation

Petra Reinke, MD  
Professor and Director Department of  
Nephrology and Internal Intensive Care  
Charité – University Hospitals, Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

14:30-15:00

#### Multi-Visceral Transplantation

Andreas Pascher, MD  
Project Leader Intestinal Transplantation  
Department for General, Visceral and  
Transplantation Surgery, Experimental  
Surgery and Transplantation Immunology  
Charité University Hospitals, Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

15:00-15:30

#### Meta – Analysis of Interventions To Increase Exercise In Chronically Ill Adults

Vicki Conn, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Associate Dean &  
Potter-Brinton Distinguished Professor  
Editor, *Western Journal of Nursing Research*  
University of Missouri School of Nursing  
Columbia, Missouri USA

15:30-16:00

Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits

### Breakout II

#### Psychosocial Aspects of Transplantation

Moderator: Christiane Kugler

14:00-14:30

#### Postoperative Confusion After Heart Transplantation

Andre Ewers, PhD, RN  
Research Associate  
Institute Nursing Science  
Paracelsus University  
Salzburg, Austria

14:30-15:00

#### Impact Of Posttraumatic Stress On Transplant Recipients and Their Relatives

Katharina Tigges-Limmer, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Heart and Diabetes Center NRW Bad  
Oeynhausen  
Bad Oeynhausen, Germany

15:00-15:30

#### Psychosocial Aspects Of Living-Related Transplantation

Leonieke Kranenburg, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Department of Medical Psychology and  
Psychotherapy, Erasmus Medical Centre  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

15:30-16:00

Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits

## 16:00-17:30 Breakout Sessions

### Breakout III

#### Novel Issues in Immunosuppressive Agents In the European Market - Impact on Patients

Moderator: Gerda Drent

16:00-16:30

#### Novel Immunosuppressive Agents

Lara Elshove, RN, CNS  
Liver Transplant Coordinator  
Erasmus Medical Centre  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

16:30-17:00

#### Introduction Of Generics To The European Market – What a Patient Needs to Know

Clare Whittaker, RGN, BSc  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Royal London Hospital  
London, United Kingdom

17:00-17:30

#### Supporting The Patients in Symptom Distress Management

Sandra Martin, MScN, RN  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
University Hospitals Leuven  
Leuven, Belgium

### Breakout IV

#### Long-Term Management After Transplantation

Moderator: Fabienne Dobbels

16:00-16:30

#### The Role Of The Family In The Transplant Process

Katharina Tigges-Limmer, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Heart and Diabetes Center NRW Bad  
Oeynhausen  
Bad Oeynhausen, Germany

16:30-17:00

#### Pain Management

Andre Ewers, PhD, RN  
Research Associate  
Institute Nursing Science  
Paracelsus University  
Salzburg, Austria

17:00-17:30

#### Trajectories of Quality of Life Outcomes: Setting the Scene

Christiane Kugler, PhD, RN  
Senior Research Fellow  
Integrated Treatment and Research Center  
Transplantation  
Department of Cardiothoracic and Transplant  
Surgery  
Hannover Medical School  
Hannover, Germany



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#### Day 2 SATURDAY, June 19, 2010

08:00-08:30 Registration

08:30-10:00

**Plenary Session: Waiting List Management**

Moderators:

Lara Elshove and Michelle James

08:30-09:00

**The Eurotransplant Organ Allocation System – Wish and Reality**

Frank Van Gelder, RN BSN ECTC

Managing Director

Mediconed Consultancy

Herent, Belgium

09:00-09:30

**Alternatives to Transplantation: Where Are We in Mechanical Assist Device Support**

Daniela Roefe, RN

VAD-Coordinator

Heart and Diabetes Center, NRW Bad

Oeynhausen

Bad Oeynhausen, Germany

09:30-10:00

**To Transplant or Not: Patient Non-Adherence Before Transplantation Debate**

**Pro:**

Cindy Russell, PhD, RN

Associate Professor

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri USA

**Con:**

Fabienne Dobbels, PhD

Clinical Psychologist

Center for Health Services and Nursing

Research

Catholic University Leuven

Leuven, Belgium

10:00-10:30 Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits

10:30-12:00

**Plenary Session: Challenges in Patient Education**

Moderators:

Clare Whittaker and Sandra Martin

10:30-11:00

**Overview Of Current Challenges in Patient Education**

Michelle James, RN, MS, CNS, CCTN

Solid Organ Clinical Nurse Specialist

University Of Minnesota Medical Center,

Fairview

Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

11:00-11:30

**Use of Technology: Does It Provide An Opportunity For Post-Transplant Care**

Cindy Russell, PhD, RN

Associate Professor

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri USA

11:30-12:00

**Welcome To My World – Expert Reports**

**Liver:**

Gerda Drent, PhD, RN

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Department of Gastroenterology and

Hepatology

University Hospital Groningen

Groningen, The Netherlands

**Kidney:**

Evelin Homburg, RN

Clinical Nurse Specialist

University Hospitals Aachen

Aachen, Germany

**Heart/Lung:**

Annika Rathmann, RN

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Department of Cardiothoracic and Transplant

Surgery

Hannover Medical School

Hannover, Germany

12:00-12:30 Refreshment Break

12:30-14:15

**Plenary Session: Transplantation - What The Future holds**

Moderators:

Christiane Kugler and Sabina De Geest

12:30-14:00

**Auto Islett Transplantation**

Michelle James, RN, MS, CNS, CCTN

Clinical Nurse Specialist

University of Minnesota Medical Center,

Fairview

Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

13:00-13:30

**Physical Rehabilitation After Transplantation**

Franziska Ihle, PharmD

Respiratory Medicine

University Hospitals Munich

Munich, Germany

13:30-14:00

**Challenges in Pediatric Transplantation**

Jo Wray PhD, DHP (NC) C Psychol

Health Psychologist and Principal Research

Associate

UCL Institute of Child Health/

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children,

NHS Trust

London, United Kingdom

14:00 **Closing Remarks and Evaluation**

# Symposium Hotel Accommodations

A limited number of rooms have been secured at two Berlin Hotels: the **Mercure Hotel Berlin An Der Charité** and at the **Ibis Hotel Berlin Mitte**. Hotel information including rates, reservation methods and distance to the meeting venue are as follows:

## **Mercure Hotel Berlin, An Der Charité** **Invalidenstr. 38** **D – 10115 Berlin, Germany**

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Reservations can be secured by calling the hotel or through email by the **reservation cut-off date of April 27, 2010**. After that date reservations will be accepted on a space/rate availability basis. **You must mention the ITNS Symposium to receive the special rates listed below:**

Rates: 109.00 Euros/Standard Room, Single  
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h5341-re2@accor.com

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Type of room (single, double, smoking, non-smoking)  
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Underground Station is **Zinnowitzerstrasse**.

## **Ibis Hotel Berlin Mitte** **Prenzlauer Allee 4** **D- 10405 Berlin, Germany**

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## Demographic Information

### 1. How many years have you been a nurse?

< 2  2-3  4-5  6-10  11-19  > 20

### 2. How many years in Transplantation?

< 2  2-3  4-5  6-10  11-15  
 16-20  > 20

### 3. Work setting?

University Affiliated  Military  
 Government  Community/Private  
 Academic  Registry  
 Organ Procurement  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Number of beds in your institution?

< 150  150-299  300-449  
 450-599  > 600

### 5. Area of employment?

Transplant Unit  Clinical Research  ICU  
 Outpatient  Pediatrics  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Your position?

Staff Nurse  Charge/Team Leader  
 Head/Assistant Head Nurse  Nursing Admin  
 Supervisor  Transplant Coordinator  
 In Service/Staff Development  Instructor  
 Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinician  
 Nurse Practitioner  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Which organ/tissue recipients do you care for?

Liver  Renal  Heart  Lung  
 Bone Marrow  Pancreas  Islet Cell  
 Small Bowel  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Highest level of nursing education?

Student  LVN/LPN  RN  RN ADN  
 RN BS  RN BSN  RN Diploma  Masters Degree  
 NP  Doctorate

### 9. Do you care for pediatric recipients? Yes No

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# Membership Application

ITNS is committed to the promotion of excellence in transplant clinical nursing through the provision of educational and professional growth opportunities, interdisciplinary networking and collaborative activities, and transplant nursing research.

**Please fill out the membership application and return it to:**

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## Member Benefits

Welcome to ITNS!  
As an ITNS member, your benefits include:

- Discounts on outstanding educational programming that will return your membership investment with interest and increased skills
- An informative newsletter that addresses transplant issues and provides information about events and programs
- Opportunities for international leadership as an officer, director, or committee chair
- The ability to participate in special interest groups keyed to your transplant specialty

## Membership Categories

**Active RN** \$75/year  
\$200/three years  
Active Membership is open to any individual licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the United States and Canada or any individual licensed or registered to practice professional nursing outside of the United States. Active members are entitled to vote, hold office and serve on committees at the International Board of Director level.

**Registered nurses must select the ACTIVE RN membership category.**

**Associate** \$50/year  
\$135/three years  
Associate Membership is open to any health professional involved in transplantation, LVN or LPN, Pharmacist, Social Worker or any full-time student enrolled in an accredited professional nursing program. Associate members receive all membership benefits, but are not entitled to vote or hold office at the International Board of Director level.

## Focusing on Your Skills

The development of distinct nursing skills is a vital part of the growth and continuing success in transplantation. Nurses have honed these skills in transplant centers and clinical research labs throughout the world. Now, nurses skilled in transplantation have an opportunity to share their expertise with their peers worldwide, attain information on state-of-the-art transplant technology, gain recognition and assist in establishing certification for the transplant nursing specialty. **The International Transplant Nurses Society is meeting these challenges.**

By joining ITNS, you are at the forefront of professional development for transplant nurses. You will have the opportunity to:

### Demonstrate

- Your clinical excellence and commitment to transplant nursing
- Your interest in state of the art transplant technologies
- Your leadership skills as an officer, director or committee chair

### Influence

- Organ donation awareness
- National decisions regarding healthcare that may affect transplant recipients
- Current nursing practices that may affect transplant recipient outcomes

### Network

- With transplant nurses throughout the world
- With other decision makers in organ transplantation

### Improve

- The standards for this nursing specialty
- Your knowledge through educational opportunities

### Participate

- In the development of certification programs
- In the planning of educational programs
- In chapter development
- In symposia specifically designed for the transplant nurse and taught by transplant nurses.