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## ASBMT Nursing Special Interest Group Communique

### **Notes from the Chairperson:**

We had a very interactive SIG meeting at the conference and would like to continue the momentum. We have a few initiatives that we hope to accomplish in the next several years.

- Increase membership in the SIG
- Have some of our members be a part of ASBMT committees
- Collaborate on projects across the country- consider our discussion opportunities by posting something on the Listserv.
- Consider having a review course at next year's conference
- Make our website more interactive and informative
- Collaborate with the European nursing group
- The ASBMT leadership has heard the need to offer a discounted rate for anyone who is an ONS member, this is currently under review.

We want to hear from you. If you have ideas, we are interested.

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### **2017 Orlando Tandem Meeting Update:**

A few notes on the ASBMT Tandem Meeting held February 22-26, 2017 in Orlando Florida.

As a long-time attendee of the BMT Tandem Meetings, I found that the nursing sessions (coordinated jointly between ASBMT Nursing Special Interest Group and Oncology Nursing Society) were exceptionally well done this year. Over three days, there was a diverse range of topics including: Transfusion Free Transplant, Best Nursing Abstracts, Ethics, BMT Emergencies and Reproductive Issues. One of my personal favorites was BMT Emergencies presented by Juan Pinelli, PA-C, MMSc, from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. His presentation covered a wide range of toxicities seen in transplant from hemorrhagic cystitis, typhlitis, infections, neurologic, cardiovascular and more. He outlined, presentation, diagnostic work up, prevention and treatment strategies across each emergency presented. Mr. Pinelli was well organized, informative and professional.

One wonderful aspect of the BMT Tandem Meetings is as a conference participant you have so many choices about what sessions to attend. There are sessions devoted to the science, pharmacy, pediatrics, nursing, advanced practice and administrative topics. The challenge with so many choices is of course deciding which lectures to attend. A good problem to have!

It's never too early to start planning for next year's meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 21 – 25, 2018. Maybe this is the year you will submit an abstract, attend the Nursing Special Interest Group business meeting, nominate a colleague for the clinical excellence or lifetime achievement award or simply attend, learn and meet new colleagues.

Best,

D. Kathryn Tierney

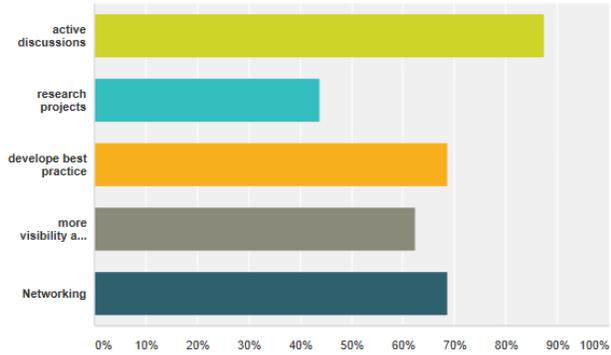
**What is upcoming:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ASBMT Fall Clinical Education Regional Conference (APP)- this is a good conference that would be totally appropriate for nurses to attend as well. It is October 26-28, 2017 in Seattle. [Get full details here.](#)
- The abstract submission period for the 2018 BMT Tandem Meetings will be open on the conference website soon and will be due on 10/3/17. If you have an idea and would like help on a submission, please contact one of the steering committee members
- Call for nominations (look for nomination form on the [ASBMT Nursing SIG page](#)- it will be open starting 7/21/17)
  - The Lifetime Achievement Award (This award goes to an ASBMT member only)
  - The Clinical Excellence Award (this award will be open to any clinically active nurse)

We really want your opinions. We sent a survey monkey poll out to the listed membership to solicit some ideas for making our SIG valuable to its membership. Please see the results below and know that your SIG leadership is committed to working toward accomplishing some of these tasks.

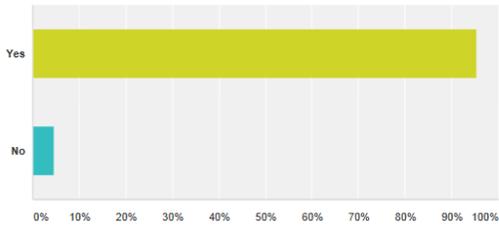
**As a member of the SIG, what are your expectations. Please choose any that apply**

Answered: 16 Skipped: 6



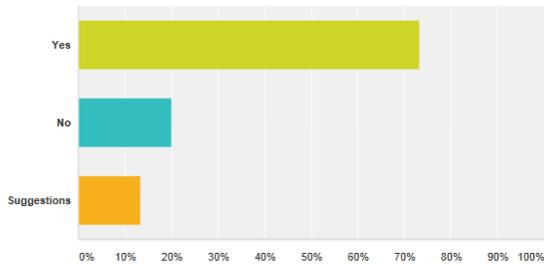
**Are you a current SIG member**

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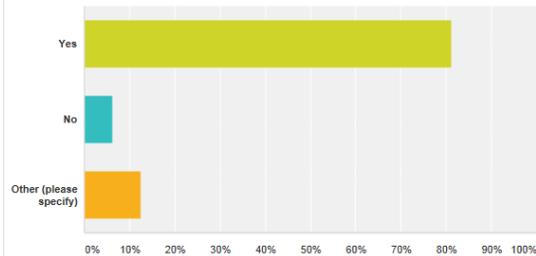
**Would you be interested in being on a committee, helping with website, planning meetings**

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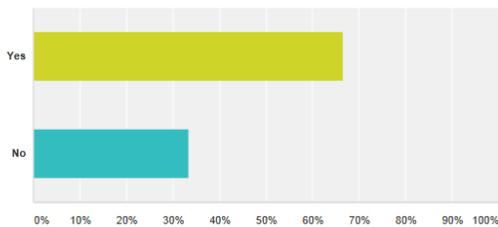
**Do you feel there is a need for a BMTCN review course at Tandem**

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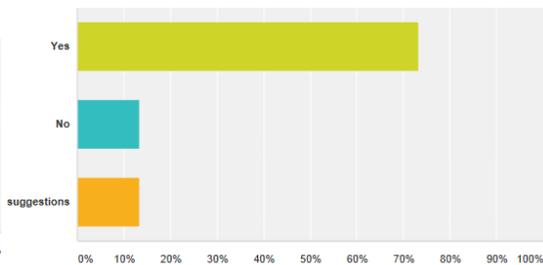
**Would you be interested in joining a committee to plan a review course**

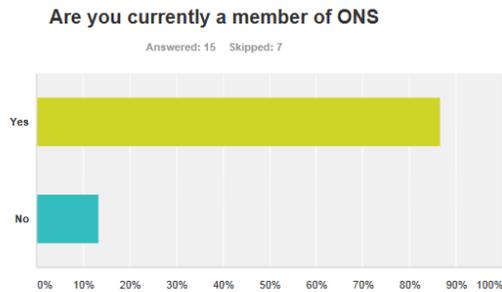
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**Would you be willing to share a topic to be sent out through the website for example best practice, case study etc.**

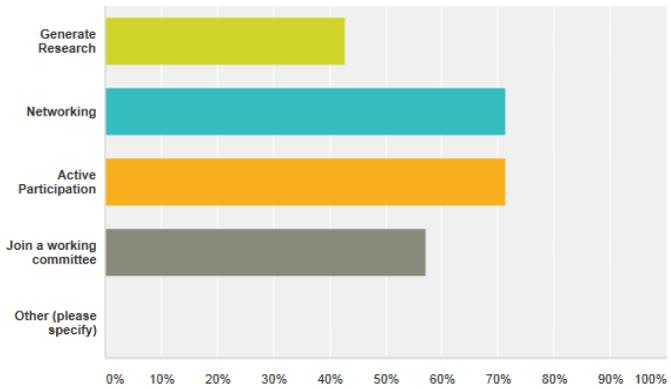
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**What more would you like as a member of the nursing SIG. Please choose any that apply.**

Answered: 14 Skipped: 8



Survey submitted and compiled by Marge Bellerjeau

**Follow ASBMT on Social Media**

The ASBMT has been more active than ever on social media this year. We have significantly increased our Twitter communications since January. In May, we announced our Facebook page. Now ASBMT launched its new LinkedIn group! All of these social media outlets are a means for the society to reach out to the BMT community to keep everyone up-to-date on the great things that ASBMT is doing.

LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8532695>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ASBMT/>

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