**Current Educational Strategies Used by Nurses Caring for NET Patients: Electronic Survey across 26 Countries**

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### Introduction:
- The ENETS Nurse Group performed a short pilot survey in 2015 to locate nurses who take care of NET patients.
- The results of this survey were used to design a more detailed electronic survey to explore the educational needs of nurses caring for NET patients throughout Europe.

### Aim/s:
- To capture levels of nurses' confidence and knowledge of NETs, and how their educational needs were met.

### Methods:
- Electronic survey with 13 questions was sent to the ENETS members, and disseminated to local, national and international nursing societies and conferences - December 2015-August 2017.
- Translated into 5 languages: Spanish, French, German, Swedish & Dutch.
- Variables: including roles, education and confidence in working with NET patients.
- Descriptive analysis was performed.

### Results:
- **Do you see patients as inpatients or outpatients?**
  - Inpatients: 41%
  - Outpatients: 59%

- **Where are you based within your institution?**
  - Oncology: 10%
  - Endocrinology: 51.4%
  - Gastroenterology: 5%
  - Nuclear medicine: 11%
  - Radiotherapy: 5%
  - Other: 23%

- **How do you get your education on NETs?**
  - Conference: 28%
  - Booklets: 28%
  - Clinical Trial: 12%
  - NBA support: 8%
  - Research nurse: 8%
  - Contact nurse: 7%
  - Ad Somatostatin Analogues injections: 6%

- **How many NET patients seen per month?**
  - 0: 11%
  - 10-25: 25%
  - 25-50: 28%
  - > 50: 26%

- **What is your role as a nurse taking care of neuroendocrine tumor patients?**
  - Several response options *

### Limitations:
- We are very aware that this is a snapshot of data, but it is more data than we have ever had before.
- Results will not be able to generalize to all the study settings, because some countries only 1 person answered.
- Results are in line with development of ENETs growing as an international society.

### Conclusions:
- Current education strategies have been highlighted as inadequate as nurses described a lack in confidence caring for NET patients.
- Strategies do not vary greatly, therefore educational programs developed can be adapted for use in all participating countries.

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