



“Providing an opportunity for multiple myeloma patients and their loved ones to come together to exchange information for mutual support, comfort, and friendship”

**Meeting:** **Tuesday December 19, 2017 3:30pm – 5:30pm**  
**451 Junction Road**  
**UW West Clinic Room 1287**  
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### **Upcoming Speaker.....**

January- Dr Christoher D'Angelo, UW fellow will give his presentation on “Myeloma and the Micobiome”. He will join us at 4:30pm. Mark your calendars now!

### **The Multiple Myeloma Patient and Caregiver Symposium**

Many of the power point slides are now available at [mcw.edu/Register-2017-MM-Symposium](http://mcw.edu/Register-2017-MM-Symposium)  
Even if you did not attend this conference, you will find the slides very interesting.

### **The International Myeloma Foundation presents... The Best of ASH.**

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Dr. Brian G.M. Durie discusses key takeaways from the annual conference and explains how this new and important information relates to myeloma patients, caregivers, and other members of the myeloma community.

ASH is the American Society of Hematology. This annual conference welcomes more than 20,000 health care professionals from around the world.

Don't miss this free IMF webinar presentation with Q&A session.

**Save the date, register now!**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

6PM Central Duration: 60 Minutes (includes Q&A)

### **Dr Durie's Blog items of interest....**

ISTOPMM-A year later <https://www.myeloma.org/blog/dr-duries/istopmm-year-later>

Selected support group leaders attended ASH2017 and prepared daily blogs. <http://ash2017blogs.myeloma.org>

**Found something interesting.... Did you know that there is a Wisconsin Immunization Registry?**

Not sure which immunizations you have had or need to catch up on? Check it out. Google or Yahoo search “Wisconsin Immunization Registry”. For our of state group members, search to see if your state has a similar resource for you.

**The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a new drug to combat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV).**

Varubi (rolapitant) will be used in combination with other antiemetic drugs to prevent delayed-onset CINV, according to TESARO, the manufacturer of the drug, which is a P/neurokinin1 (NK-1) antagonist.

The drug will be available for commercial use in November 2017.

Varubi was first approved as an oral agent in 2015 and on Monday was granted approval to be administered intravenously for patients.

In the phase 3 trial that led to the drug’s approval, patients saw improved complete response (CR) rates in delayed CINV, reported fewer vomiting incidents and had less nausea that interfered with daily living.

Delayed-onset CINV is a common side effect from chemotherapy treatment, and can happen anywhere from 25 to 120 hours after a patient is administered chemo.

The FDA approval of Varubi IV gives doctors and nurses a new option to help protect their patients from these often preventable side effects.

**IMF Info Line** – If you or someone you care for has myeloma, you have questions. Probably, lots of them. You can search the Internet all you want, but other than asking your doctor, there is no better way to get your questions answered than to call the IMF Info Line. Missy, Judy and Paul know their stuff and they want to share what they know with you. Just ask anyone who has called the IMF Info Line. Patients or caregivers are welcome to contact the Info Line staffed by trained specialists at 800-452-CURE (800-452-2873). The Info Line is staffed between 9am and 4pm Pacific Time, 11am to 6pm Central time or [infoline@myeloma.org](mailto:infoline@myeloma.org).

**New contact information below!**

**The Trillium Fund** was established by our founding support group members to facilitate Multiple Myeloma research here in Madison at the Wisconsin Institute of Medical Research. If you or your family wish to donate or send a memorial to this program, checks can be made payable to the “UW Foundation – Trillium Fund”.

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