



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

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## December 2024 Myeloma Newsletter

### Upcoming Meeting Speakers

**Shannon Ramirez, BSN, RN, OCN-Oncology Clinical Educator-** S. Wisconsin, Illinois, NW Indiana, Quad Cities Hematology from **J&J Innovative Medicine** will be our featured speaker January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. She will be presenting information on Talvey.

Looking to get Dr Matthew Brunner and Dr Zhubin Gahvari for February and March. More info to come.

**Dr Timothy Schmidt from the UW Carbone Cancer Center** will be our featured speaker for the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. He will be doing a Q & A session. Start time will be determined at later date.

**Dr Natalie Callander**, UW Carbone Center will be our December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting speaker. Likely to provide highlights of the recent ASH conference and a Q & A.

### **Our condolences to the Family of Patricia Koval**

Long time group member, Patricia Koval passed away November 18, 2024 Pat was the wife of Professor Chuck Koval, one of the founders of this group. In the formative years, Pat was a source of encouragement and comfort to all. She assisted Chuck whenever she was needed. As a caregiver herself, she gave support to those caregivers that attended the meetings. She will be missed.

### **Revlimid and Lenalidomide**

We have been advised that Revlimid has been taken off some of the formulary listings for 2025. They do include Lenalidomide, we have been told. Our group member, David contacted the UW chief pharmacist at the Oncology Specialty Clinic here in Madison. David has talked to Jerod in the past when questions arise. This specialty pharmacy uses Sun Pharma to secure their med supply of Lenalidomide.

The problem they are seeing is with the dosages. The most popular dose at 10mg, they have about 10,000 doses now. The 20mg pills, they have significantly less. They are trying to secure more. With the legal settlement case, there can be only so much generic Lenalidomide produced until the expiration of the settlement on January 31, 2026.

The branded product, Revlimid has this legal settlement that generics cannot exceed a certain % of the market until that January 31, 2026 date. That settlement and % is why we have the current shortages. Most clinics do have Financial Departments that may be able to help you get Revlimid covered or approved by your insurances.

David is a HealthTree coach and a member of our support group. He has a pharma background in his previous work experience. He is very knowledgeable and is always willing to talk to group members. If you would like to connect with him, just let me know. Here is a link to the shortages.

**Drug Shortage Detail: Lenalidomide Capsules**

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**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 specialist 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).

**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” and sent to UW Carbone Cancer Center, University of Wisconsin Foundation, 1848 University Ave, Madison, WI 53726. Donations may also be made online at [www.supportuw.org/give](http://www.supportuw.org/give) (Trillium Fund in Multiple Myeloma Research – 112903576). For any questions, please call Janie Winston 608-512-6068 or email at [Janie.Winston@supportuw.org](mailto:Janie.Winston@supportuw.org)

**Madison MM Support Group is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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