



“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 February 20, 2018 3:30pm – 5:30pm
451 Junction Road
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Upcoming Meeting Speakers... Mark your calendars now!

Dr Peggy Kim, MD from the UW Health Pain Management Clinic will join us March 20th at 4:30pm.

Dr Aric Hall, MD will join us in April at 4:30pm.

Dr Shannon O'Mahar, MD is able to join us soon. Date to be determined. Dr O'Mahar was at the ASH conference just recently and will likely speak about that event.

Our February meeting will be a group sharing meeting. There is no scheduled speaker.

Our condolences...

Sadly, we lost several group members recently. Jerry Stotsky (99) joined our group June 2002. Jerry, wife Elinor and son/daughter David and Sue attended some meetings. We enjoyed their company and appreciated their sharing openly with the group. Anita Quanbeck passed away January 17th. She and her husband David attended some meetings. They join the group in March 2009. It was at the Pewaukee Myeloma Conference I first met Anita and her wonderful family. Duane Sherven passed away January 14th. He and his wife Janet joined our group March 2016. He was diagnosed 6 ½ yrs. ago. His love of farming and the land kept him very busy and limited his time to attend meetings. His family said that he enjoyed the newsletters. We will miss them all. Our sympathies to their families.

At the last meeting we talked about the shingles vaccine. Found some information about the new Shingrix vaccine just approved by the FDA in October 2017. Attached you will learn the benefits, side effects and warnings for this new vaccine. Since there has been concern that the current vaccine, Zostavax has a live virus, this new vaccine is thought to be safer for MM patients and their family members needing to be protected from an outbreak of shingles.

**Safer and More Effective Allo Transplants in Myeloma and Targeting Precursor Myeloma Cells
Friday, February 16 @ 2:30 (EST) From Myeloma Crowd**

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Allogeneic stem cell transplant was the first ever immunotherapy available for multiple myeloma patients. Dr. Matsui shares how the Johns Hopkins allo transplant procedure has significantly improved safety concerns. His research is now focused on extending and deepening remissions with a new immunotherapy antibody given with transplant. Dr. Matsui will also share his latest research on precursor myeloma cells (called myeloma stem cells) and how they can be targeted before growing into full blown myeloma.

Dr. William Matsui, MD John Hopkins University

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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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