



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

Meeting: **Meetings will resume when we are allowed to gather at the address below.**

451 Junction Road  
Madison, WI  
UW West Clinic Room 1287

Enter the clinic... turn left and walk down a short hall...turn left again and conference room 1287 is the last one on the left.

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Website: [www.myeloma.org](http://www.myeloma.org)

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## January 2021 Myeloma Newsletter

### Our condolences...

Our group lost two members in December. Norman Lorenz passed away on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Norm attended some group meetings and openly shared his experiences.

Considered a legend at Madison TV station WMTV-TV, Norm worked in creative services and video production for 38 yrs. I don't have a date when he joined the group but he was a member for several years. He will be missed.

Sabine Hildregard Luisa Lobitz passed away December 24<sup>th</sup>. From the first meeting, we all loved her energy, wild spirit, loving nature and humor that we all needed. She inspired many of us with her profound wisdom and strength. She no doubt was one of the strongest people I have ever met. We send our condolences to her family and especially her husband, David Couper. She will be missed.

### **FDA Approves XPOVIO<sup>®</sup> (Selinexor) as a Treatment for Patients with Multiple Myeloma After at Least One Prior Therapy December 18, 2020**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved XPOVIO<sup>®</sup> (selinexor), a first-in-class, oral Selective Inhibitor of Nuclear Export (SINE) medicine, in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least

one prior therapy.

Oral XPOVIO now available as a treatment option for patients with multiple myeloma as early as first relapse; significantly expands addressable patient population .

It is now the only multiple myeloma drug indicated as part of an approved, once-weekly velcade® (bortezomib) combination regimen.

More information is available on the IMF website. [www.myeloma.org](http://www.myeloma.org)

Also included in this newsletter is an article about **“Off the Shelf CAR-T”**. This is an important new development that reduces the time to begin treatment. Critical time saved for some patients who potentially could deteriorate waiting for the alternative CAR-T.

**Wisconsin Multiple Myeloma Support Group**  
**Tue, Jan 19, 2021 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CST)**

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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 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).

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 Daniel Rosen at (608) 264-5437 or email [curecancer@supportuw.org](mailto:curecancer@supportuw.org) .