

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

Meeting: In person 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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## January 2022 Myeloma Newsletter

## **Upcoming Meeting Speakers-**

<u>Cameron Ninos, UW Pharmacist</u> will be our featured speaker for the February 15, 2022 virtual meeting. I will be taking questions in advance to start this meeting. It will be an open discussion for questions related to medications. **This will not be a forum for questions about pricing.** Cameron will present from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Shannon Ramirez, Oncology Clinical Educator from the Janssen Pharmaceutical Company will be our featured speaker for the March 15, 2022 meeting. Her presentation will be the "Shared Decision Making Deck". Shannon will present from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Dr Aric Hall from the UW Carbone Cancer Center will be available for the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will do his usual Q & A session. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this meeting. He will join us at 4:30pm.

Working on the May speaker meeting to feature the staff of the IMF InfoLine. More information to follow.

I am taking questions for our February speaker, Cameron Ninos, UW pharmacist. Send you questions to me via email or give me a call at 608-244-2120. We will use these questions to get our meeting started. Remember, no questions about "price". Cameron has no leverage to impact pricing.

## There are no shortages of ASH (American Society of Hematology) conference highlights.

Check out the IMF (International Myeloma Foundation), The Myeloma Crowd, LLS (Leukemia,& Lymphoma Society) and the MMRF (Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation) websites. There are a wide range of topics. Some overviews are easier to read than others, but all are valuable information.

I am including a <u>cheater sheet of abbreviations</u> from the IMF's, Jack Aiello. He attended the ASH conference as a support group leader representative. This sheet will help both new group members and everyone else who has been overwhelmed by all the abbreviations when reviewing clinical trial results.

I am also including the latest FDA information concerning Monoclonal Antibodies 
<u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes New Long-Acting Monoclonal Antibodies for Pre-exposure Prevention of COVID-19 in Certain Individuals.</u>

This could be available to you now.

Our virtual meetings are on the Zoom platform.

Our meeting for January 18, 2022 will be from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. There is no scheduled speaker so it will be a sharing meeting for the group.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://myeloma-org.zoom.us/j/84457667535?pwd=V0lJTDNQU2FOZ1hMUkFaRmJBc0Qzdz09

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Find your local number: https://myeloma-org.zoom.us/u/kyMbCRs05

**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.

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 <a href="www.supportuw.org/give">www.supportuw.org/give</a> (Trillium Fund in Multiple Myeloma Research – 112903576). For any questions, please call Daniel Rosen at (608) 264-5437 or email <a href="curecancer@supportuw.org">curecancer@supportuw.org</a>.