



“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 2023 Myeloma Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

Michelle Lakner, Nurse Practitioner will be speaking at our February 2023 meeting.

Will be contacting our new support group rep from Takeda for a presentation in 2023.

Thank you!

Thank you to group members, Rob and Peg for their generous donation to our support group. Funds will be used for postage and printing expenses. Not all group members are able to receive the newsletter via an email address. Some new group members request booklets. Donation will be put to good use. It is appreciated.

Tecvayli (Teclistamab-cqyv) Receives FDA Approval

The first bispecific antibody is now available to patients in the clinical setting. Teclistamab is the first-in-line bispecific B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA) - directed CD3 T-cell engager. The term bispecific means that the drug has two arms. One attaches to the myeloma cell through the BCMA on the surface of the myeloma cell. The other arm attaches to and activates the T cell to destroy the myeloma cell.

Teclistamab is an “off the shelf” drug. It can be given directly to the patient. This is a benefit to those patients who do not have access to a CAR T-cell therapy center.

Read more about it in the latest Myeloma Today magazine. Don't get this magazine? Sign up today on the IMF website. It is free.

Teclistamab joins a long list of drugs available for Relapsed Myeloma. Attached is a list breaking down- Front line treatment, Maintenance and Relapsed options.

Another great article from the Myeloma Today....Decisions, Decisions, Decisions.

Article highlights 5 new drug combinations in phase III trials - IKEMA , APOLLO, BOSTON, CANDOR and ICARIA.

Of more importance is the question- **How do you decide among these options?**

- Do not continue the maintenance drug when relapsing
- Introduce a mechanism of action not seen yet
- Try to use a triplet when possible
- Access disease, treatment and patient factors
- Always match the option with patient preference

Each of these bulleted subjects have a more detailed explanation to consider. Find it in the Myeloma Today magazine for Fall 2022.

Our virtual meetings are on the Zoom platform.

Our meeting for January 17, 2023 will be from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. There are no scheduled speakers so this meeting will be a group share.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://myeloma-org.zoom.us/j/84457667535?pwd=V0IJTDNQQU2FOZ1hMUKFaRmJBc0Qzdz09>

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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.

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 (Trillium Fund in Multiple Myeloma Research – 112903576). For any questions, please call Janie Winston 608-512-6068 or email at Janie.Winston@supportuw.org.