



“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 July 16, 2019 3:30pm – 5:30pm
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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Upcoming Meeting Speakers... Mark your calendars now!

Kelley Sidorowicz, IMF Support Group Regional Director will be our featured speaker at the August meeting.

Our Myeloma Support Group will be recognizing a milestone 20yrs in September. No speaker is planned. Leaving the time open for us to celebrate! If you are group member but have not attended in a while, mark your calendar for this anniversary celebration and stop by to visit.

Dr Natalie Callander will likely join us for the October meeting.

Dr Shannon O'Mahar will be our featured speaker for the December meeting. She will likely be presenting 2019 ASH conference highlights.

Mark your calendars for the **3rd Annual Myeloma Patient and Caregiver Symposium** in Pewaukee, WI Saturday, September 28th. This is a great conference and you will not want to miss it. More info to follow.

There is no scheduled speaker for the upcoming July meeting. It will be a group share meeting. I will be recapping last month's Cancer Psychology presentation and coping strategies in the next newsletter. Gwen has agreed to do a short presentation of her art; how it helped her and what it means to her now. This was her coping strategy when she undertook her stem cell transplant.

Upcoming CancerCare workshops.....

1. Highlights from the 2019 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting: Caring for Every Patient, Learning from Every Patient

2. Part I of Your Guide to the Latest Cancer Research and Treatment

3. Workshop Date and Time: Thursday, August 22, 2019, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Eastern Time

Registrants can listen in live over the phone or online as a webcast.

FDA Approves Selinexor in Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

July 3, 2019 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted [accelerated approval](#) to selinexor (XPOVIO™) in combination with dexamethasone for the treatment of relapsed/refractory myeloma. This is great news for myeloma patients, who now have a new, first in class, oral agent available.

FDA Approves Darzalex Combination Therapy for Newly Diagnosed Myeloma Patients Who Are Ineligible for Transplant

July 3, 2019 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of DARZALEX® (daratumumab) in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone (Rd) for patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are ineligible for autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT).

US Senate Approves Bill to Extend Disability Benefits to Blue Water Navy Veterans

July 3, 2019, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a bill to extend disability benefits to veterans who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam, known as Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans. This move signals the end of a decades-long fight for these former sailors and Marines to receive compensation for diseases presumed to be caused by exposure to the chemicals known as Agent Orange used during the Vietnam War. Learn more on the IMF website.

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.

New information!

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