



“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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June 2022 Myeloma Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

Dr Timothy Schmidt, UW Carbone Cancer Center will be out featured speaker for the July 19th meeting. He will be presenting information related to chromosomes and genetics.

Kimberly A. Gibbs RN, BSN, OCN.,Patient Advocacy Liaison from Takeda Oncology will be our featured speaker for the August meeting. Topic to be determined later.

Reached out to WI SHIP to present at our September meeting. Wisconsin’s State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides outreach and assistance to Wisconsin Medicare Beneficiaries. Even if you don't live in Wisconsin, every state as SHIP. It is a federally funded program. More info to follow.

Nancy Bruno, IMF Regional Director for Support Groups will be our June speaker starting at 3:30pm. She will be talking about advances in immune therapy and other current topics for MM.

Message to the group members who receive their newsletter via postal mail-

There are occasions that I am able to send presentations to the email support group members. If you now have an email address, please send it to me so you are not missing out on some important information. When possible, I try to summarize for you but cannot in all situations where slides are presented. Send me your email address and I will add you to the email routing monthly.

According to a recent study- Tixagevimab-cilgavimab (Evusheld) appears less effective against the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 in patients with hematologic cancer, according to research published in *Cancer Cell*.

Researchers found that a single 150 mg dose of tixagevimab-cilgavimab demonstrated neutralizing activity against wild-type SARS-CoV-2 but not the omicron variant.

The current recommended dose, 300 mg, seemed to be more effective against omicron than the 150 mg dose, but results varied.

Reference- Stuver R, Shah GL, Korde NS, et al. Activity of AZD7442 (tixagevimab-cilgavimab) against omicron SARS-CoV-2 in patients with hematologic malignancies. *Cancer Cell*. Published online May 16, 2022.

Some highlights of the May meeting featuring Christina Nielsen from the LLS.

Some of the donated research monies go to the Carbone Cancer Center and WIMR (Wisconsin Institute for Medical Research). Both are worthy recipients.

LLS has a Clinical Trial Support Center or CTSC. 1-800-955-4572

Clinical Trial Nurse Navigators are registered nurses with expertise in blood cancers. Your nurse navigator will:

- Speak with you to understand your goals and help you decide if a trial might be right for you
- Help you understand the clinical-trial process including your rights and obligations as a participant
- Ask you for details about your diagnosis, including your genetic profile, past treatments and responses, your current physical condition and past medical history that might impact your eligibility for certain clinical trials
- Understand how your financial situation, insurance coverage, support network and ability and willingness to travel far distances might impact your choice of clinical trials
- Utilize an understanding of your unique situation to provide you with a list of appropriate clinical trials to discuss with your healthcare team
- Guide you in your efforts to enroll in a clinical trial, including connecting you with trial sites
- Be available for support throughout your experience in the clinical trial

LLS has a booklet selection that you can order copies for free.

Transcripts are available for all educational sessions on some programs.

Nutritional consultations- work with a dietitian for free!

Variety of POD casts are in their library.

Have a Health Manager app.

Financial assistance programs. Include co-pay assistance. When you qualify, your money is set aside for the year.

They are still doing the Anti-body registry.

1st Our virtual meetings are on the Zoom platform.

Our meeting for June 21, 2022 will be from 3:30pm to 5:30pm featuring

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://myeloma-org.zoom.us/j/84457667535?pwd=V0lJTdNQ2FOZ1hMUkFaRmJBc0Qzdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 5766 7535

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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 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.