



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

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**June 2026 Myeloma Newsletter**

**Upcoming Meeting Speakers:**

**Megan Miranda, Senior Clinical Nurse Consultant from Bristol Myers Squibb** will be presenting at our July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Topic to be determined.

**August 18, 2026 is our annual picnic.**

**Diahanna Valentine, BCPA, Financial Advocacy Program Manger from the HealthTree Foundation** will be our featured speaker for the September 15, 2026 meeting. Her topic will be Financial Matters.

**David Barton, HealthTree coach and our own group member** will be our featured speaker for the October 20, 2026 meeting. “Understanding Your Labs” will be his topic. I will be asking everyone to be thinking of what labs or results confuse you the most? What labs do you need to have a better understanding of? **Send that information to me and I will pass that along to David.**



**Just a heads up that our annual picnic is August 18, 2026 at McDaniel Park, McFarland, WI. More info coming soon. Mark your calendars now!**

**Jenn Wieworka from the IMF** (International Myeloma Foundation) will be presenting “Taking Control: Emergency Planning for Peace of Mind” at our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will start her presentation at 3:30pm CST.

**Susan Benjamin, support group facilitator from the Santa Fe group** shared their recent presentation by Dr. David Coffey on the “Immune System- How It Shapes Treatment And Outcomes”. Nice summary. See attached. Thank you Susan!

**The IMF now has topics in a minute or less! Here is an example of what you can read or listen to on their website. [What Are Trispecific Antibodies in Multiple Myeloma? | Myeloma in a Minute](#)**  
What are trispecific antibodies, and how could they affect multiple myeloma treatment? In this quick video, Dr. Joseph Mikhael breaks down the difference between bispecific antibodies and emerging trispecific antibodies in clear, patient-friendly language.

Learn how bispecific antibodies help T-cells find and attack myeloma cells, why trispecific antibodies use an extra targeting arm, and how this newer immunotherapy approach may improve precision while potentially reducing off-target effects and side effects.

Whether you're newly diagnosed, living with multiple myeloma, researching treatment advances, or supporting a loved one, this short video explains an important emerging therapy concept in simple terms.

**Or here is the transcript-** Dr. Joseph Mikhael:

If you know myeloma, you've probably heard of bispecific antibodies, but have you heard of trispecific antibodies? Hi everyone. Dr. Joseph Mikhael here from the International Myeloma Foundation, and I'm going to explain the difference in a minute or less.

Bispecific antibodies are an amazing new therapy that we have for multiple myeloma that are called bispecifics because they have two arms. One arm hooks onto something on the surface of myeloma we call an antigen, and the other hooks onto a T-cell to activate that T-cell to destroy the multiple myeloma. They have really revolutionized the way we treat myeloma, but now we're introducing trispecifics that have three arms, two arms that typically hook onto the myeloma and a third arm that engages that T-cell. The rationale for this is amazing really because it's allowing us to be even more precise in hooking onto the multiple myeloma so that we don't have off-target effects, and allows us to use actually less of the drug so there are fewer side effects. Stay tuned for what is coming with new trispecific antibodies in multiple myeloma.

For more information about multiple myeloma or if you have questions, please come and visit us at [myeloma.org](http://myeloma.org).

This is a great way to get information and you then decide if you want to learn more. That learning is definitely on the IMF website. [www.myeloma.org](http://www.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, US Bank Lockbox Box78807 Milwaukee, WI 53278-8807. 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 Janie Winston 608-512-6068 or email at [Janie.Winston@supportuw.org](mailto:Janie.Winston@supportuw.org)

**Madison MM Support Group is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 starting at 3:30pmCST.**

<https://myeloma-org.zoom.us/j/81745782301?pwd=L2u5V0zAxLtuHQtKh2WZZaO3lsvs8N.1>

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