



“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 November 15, 2016 3:30pm – 5:30pm**  
**451 Junction Road**  
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**Our November meeting speaker, Dr Kevin Kozak is no longer with Cellectar Biosciences.** I emailed to confirm this speaking engagement and got this notification. November's meeting will likely be an informal sharing meeting.

**A big “Thank You” to Susanna Fuerstenberg for her generous donation to our group.** It will go a long way to cover the cost of printing our newsletter. Thank you so much!

### **November IMF Advocacy Update: Federal Legislative Efforts**

The Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act is still advancing in both the House and the Senate. The House bill, HR 2739, added nine new cosponsors during the recess break Reps. Bilirakis (R-FL), Delaney (D-MD), Palazzo (R-MS), Carney (D-DE), Olson (R-TX), Garamendi (D-CA), Cummings (D-MD), Heck (R-NV), and Peters (D-CA). This brings the total number of cosponsors to 116. The IMF's Patients Equal Access Coalition (PEAC) is pleased with the progress they have had thus far in bringing on support for the federal legislation. In the coming months PEAC will be discussing strategy moving into 2017. As more progress is made, the advocacy team will be sure to share their advancements.

**The IMF's Dr. Brian Durie will be presenting the first ever PRE-ASH teleconference** on Thursday, November 17 at 6pm Central time. **Living Well with Myeloma: Pre-ASH What Patients & Caregivers Can Look Forward To**

Join **Dr. Brian G.M. Durie** as he discusses what patients & caregivers may wish to focus on at the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Conference which will convene in San Diego December 2–5, 2016. You won't want to miss this free 45-minute IMF teleconference followed by a 15-minute Q&A session! Register on the IMF site.

**Don't forget that our website has information about financial help. Go to <http://madisonmultiplemyeloma.org>.** It is under “Funding Myeloma Treatment”. Another good resource is the Chronic Disease Fund group called “Good Days”. [www.cdfund.org](http://www.cdfund.org) Also Patient Advocate Foundation Copay Relief at [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org)

**Are you signed up for the “Smart Patients” blog?** It is easy and there is much to learn from the conversations happening there. One such conversation comes from a retired ophthalmologist. His wife has MM and has offered to help make sense of the eye problems some people have with the drugs that they take for their treatment plan. Sign up and read what he has to say. Search for the “Blurry Vision” entry on Oct 1, 2016. Scroll to find entry by “Husband of Sue”.  
[www.smartpatients.com](http://www.smartpatients.com)

**Our group member, Matt Howard is running the Madison Marathon on November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

He is running the Madison Marathon on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as part of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) Team for Cures! Please consider making a donation by going to [http://support.themmr.org/site/TR/EnduranceEvents/EnduranceEvents?px=1999882&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2290](http://support.themmr.org/site/TR/EnduranceEvents/EnduranceEvents?px=1999882&pg=personal&fr_id=2290) and clicking on Support Matt!

**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](mailto: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”.

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