

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP

MAY 2020 UPDATE

The May 6, 2020 Support Group meeting, was the group's first virtual meeting. Considering this, the meeting went smoothly and was attended virtually by approximately 34 members. It was so wonderful to see and hear from all of you who were at the meeting, and we are hopeful many more of you will join us next month!

Next month's meeting will be held virtually as well on June 3, 2020. We will be having a presentation by the MMRF (Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation). As of now the topics for the meeting will be their CoMMpass Study, MyDrug, CureCloud, and possibly more. We will have time for Q&A.

There will be no meeting in July.

Below, are informative Multiple Myeloma/COVID-19 links as well as informative links just pertaining to Multiple Myeloma.

We are hopeful that all of you, your families and your friends are well, and we continue to be available should you be in need of any assistance, or just need someone to talk to. Take Care, Debbie Morelli

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INFORMATIONAL LINKS

INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION (IMF)

<https://www.myeloma.org/>

- Multiple Myeloma Safety and the Coronavirus – Seattle, Washington Patient/Family Seminar Replay

<https://www.myeloma.org/videos/seattle-2020-patient-family-webinar>

- FDA Approves Subcutaneous Formulation of Darzalex (daratumumab)
- What Is Multiple Myeloma?
- Resources And Support
- Our Research
- Take Action
- Ask Dr. Durie
 - How does mass spectrometry compare to traditional myeloma-protein testing methods?
- Equality in anti-cancer treatment needed now – Opinion Piece by Dr. Durie and Dr. Mikhael/IMF

<https://capitolweekly.net/equality-in-anti-cancer-treatment-needed-now/>

- Myeloma Today publication/Spring 2020
 - <https://www.myeloma.org/multiple-myeloma-journals>

MYELOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION (MMRF)

<https://themmrf.org/>

- About Multiple Myeloma
- How We're Curing Multiple Myeloma

MYELOMA CROWD

<https://www.myelomacrowd.org/>

- Genetics Changes in Myeloma Happen as Early as Precursor Stages
- Subcutaneous Daratumumab Receives FDA Approval
- How Corticosteroids (Like Dexamethasone) Work to Fight Myeloma
- Kappa and Lambda Light Chains
- Why Do People Beat the Average Multiple Myeloma Life Expectancy Prognosis? Or How To Improve Your Myeloma Survival Rate!
- XPOVIO (selinexor) Study Shows Impact When Used in Earlier Lines of Multiple Myeloma Therapy with Velcade and Dex
- Clinical Trial: Smoldering Myeloma Personalized Vaccine at MD Anderson
- Clinical Trial: Avelumab in Combination With Hypofractionated Radiotherapy in Patients With Relapsed Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- What is a Neutropenic Diet for Multiple Myeloma Patients?
- Why all Multiple Myeloma Patients Need a Myeloma Specialist

THE MYELOMA BEACON

<https://myelomabeacon.org/>

Press Releases

<https://myelomabeacon.org/pr/>

- Bristol Myers Squibb And Bluebird Bio Provide Regulatory Update On Idecabtagene Vicleucel (Ide-Cel, bb2121) For The Treatment Of Patients With Multiple Myeloma
- Sarclisa (Isatuximab) Phase 3 IKEMA Trial Meets Primary Endpoint Early In Patients With Relapsed Multiple Myeloma
- Kyprolis (Carfilzomib) Patents Upheld Against Generic Manufacturer
- Genmab Announces U.S. FDA Approval Of Subcutaneous Formulation Of Daratumumab, Darzalex Faspro (Daratumumab And Hyaluronidase-fihj), For The Treatment Of Patients With Multiple Myeloma
- Harpoon Therapeutics Doses First Patient With HPN217, A BCMA Targeting TriTAC, For Multiple Myeloma
- CARsgen Therapeutics Receives Positive EMA Opinion On Orphan Drug Designation For Fully Human Anti-BCMA CAR-T Cells (CT053) For The Treatment Of Multiple Myeloma
- Karyopharm To Evaluate Low Dose Selinexor As A Potential Treatment For Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19
- Kite Licenses Antibodies And Establishes Collaboration With Teneobio In Multiple Myeloma

CURE

<https://www.curetoday.com/tumor/myeloma>

- Genetic Test May Identify Patients at Risk for Disease Progression with Multiple Myeloma

OnLive

<https://www.onlive.com/specialty/myeloma>

- Mateos Spotlights Significance of Subcutaneous Daratumumab Approval in Myeloma
- FDA: Idecabtagene Vicleucel Myeloma BLA Needs Further Details
- Isatuximab Plus Carfilzomib/Dexamethasone Improves PFS in Phase 3 Myeloma Trial
- CAR T-Cell Therapy Continues Forward in Multiple Myeloma Development
- RVD Induction Impresses in Myeloma, But 4-Drug Regimens Mark the Future
- Stem Cell Mobilization Strategies Call for Careful Consideration in Myeloma
- Controversy Surrounds Treatment of High-Risk Smoldering Myeloma

MYELOMA RESEARCH NEWS

<https://myelomaresearchnews.com/>

- Cell Protein Analysis May Predict Multiple Myeloma Response to Treatment
- Bristol Myers, Bluebird Bio Seek FDA Approval of Ide-cel to Treat Advanced Multiple Myeloma
- Melflufen Shows Positive Response in Triple-refractory Multiple Myeloma Trial

MULTIPLE MYELOMA HUB

<https://multiplemyelomahub.com/>

- Isatuximab combination therapy for relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma | Results from the phase III IKEMA trial
- Reduced intensity VMP with lenalidomide plus dexamethasone consolidation and lenalidomide maintenance for NDMM
- Is the IMWG frailty index an adequate tool for defining transplant eligibility in elderly patients with multiple myeloma?
- The impact of targeted treatment and immunotherapies on the role of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in the treatment of blood cancers
- Network meta-analysis of first-line treatments in transplant-ineligible multiple myeloma patients

EUREKALERT

https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2020-04/dci-isc042420.php

- Immune system changes occur early in development of multiple myeloma, study finds

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY (ASH)

<https://hematology.org/>

ASH CLINICAL NEWS

<https://www.ashclinicalnews.org/>

MYELOMA CENTRAL

<https://www.myelomacentral.com/>

VETERANS AGAINST MYELOMA

<https://veterans.myeloma.org/>

CANCER.COM

<https://www.cancer.com/>

Health Tree University Myeloma – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC27i8v856WBGy-4ONPJS0MQ>

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COVID-19

International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)

<https://www.myeloma.org/>

Myeloma Patient Safety and the Coronavirus – Dr. Brian Durie

<https://www.myeloma.org/covid19-myeloma-patients>

- How I Am Managing My Patients With Myeloma During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Suzanne Lentzsch, MD, PhD
- <https://www.clinicaloptions.com/oncology/programs/myeloma-treatment-strategies/clinicalthought/ct4/page-1>

As Dr. Durie – Coronavirus videos 1-6

https://www.myeloma.org/imf-videos?field_imf_tv_blog_category_1=19&items_per_page=6&sort_combine=created%20DESC

- COVID-19 FAQ #1: How can myeloma pts reduce the possibility of being exposed to the coronavirus?
- COVID-19 FAQ #2: What do myeloma patients need to know about COVID-19?
- COVID-19 FAQ #3: Do myeloma patients need to adjust their treatment?

- **COVID-19 FAQ #4: What are some of the treatment modifications myeloma patients should consider?**
- **COVID-19 FAQ #5 “What are the risk factors that could lead myeloma patients to develop serious consequences from the COVID-19 infection?”**
- **COVID-19 FAQ #6: What precautions should myeloma patients take when getting their groceries?**

COVID-19 Update for Support Group Leaders (Replay shared with members)

<https://www.myeloma.org/videos/covid-19-update-support-group-leaders>

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)

<https://themmrf.org/>

Coronavirus and Multiple Myeloma

<https://themmrf.org/2020/03/multiple-myeloma-and-the-coronavirus/>

MMRF Patient Webinar Series – Managing Myeloma During the COVID-19 Pandemic

https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1311217&tp_key=21ea8da593

- **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

- 1:30 PM–2:30 PM (ET)

“We invite myeloma patients and their caregivers to join us for a FREE webinar in which a team of health care professionals will review the national status of the pandemic, interventional clinical trials, strategies to manage anxiety, and the ever-changing outlook as more information becomes available. Patients will hear expert advice on the best ways to receive essential and safe care now and during the phased approach to reopening the economy.”

MYELOMA CROWD

<https://www.myelomacrowd.org/>

- **Myeloma Crowd Round Table Webcast, May 16 with 6 Myeloma Experts: COVID-19, Newly Diagnosed Myeloma, Relapsed Myeloma and Amyloidosis**

MYELOMA CROWD RADIO

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/myelomacrowdradio>

- **COVID-19 - Myeloma Crowd Radio: Ola C. Landgren, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

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THE MYELOMA BEACON

<https://myelomabeacon.org/search/covid>

- **Karyopharm To Evaluate Low Dose Selinexor As A Potential Treatment For Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19**

OncoLive/OncoLive VIDEOS

<https://www.onclive.com/news/exploring-car-tcell-therapy-during-the-covid19-pandemic>

- Exploring CAR T-Cell Therapy During The COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 8 PM EST

MYELOMA RESEARCH NEWS

<https://myelomaresearchnews.com/>

- Actemra (tocilizumab) May Treat Severe COVID-19 Infections in Myeloma Patients, Case Report Suggests
- Surge in Telemedicine One 'Good' Outcome from COVID-19 Crisis, Doctors Say
- Spain Reviewing Trial to Treat COVID-19 Pneumonia With Myeloma Therapy Aplidin
- Accelerated Approval Filing for Melflufen in US Unimpeded by COVID-19
- Information About COVID-19 for Myeloma Patients
 - <https://myelomaresearchnews.com/information-about-covid-19-for-myeloma-patients/>

MULTIPLE MYELOMA HUB

<https://multiplemyelomahub.com/>

- **Expert Opinion | Mohamad Mohty: COVID-19 and multiple myeloma**
- **Frequently asked questions | Treating patients with multiple myeloma during the COVID-19...**
- **Caring for patients with hematological malignancies during the COVID-19 pandemic....**

CANCER.COM

<https://www.cancer.com/>

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for Those Affected by Cancer**
 - <https://www.cancer.com/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-those-affected-cancer>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY

<https://www.hematology.org/>

- **COVID-19 Resources**
 - <https://www.hematology.org/covid-19>
 - **New: ASH Webinar on the Use of Convalescent Plasma During COVID-19**
 - **Tuesday, May 12**
 - **6:00 p.m. Eastern time**
- **COVID-19 and Multiple Myeloma – Frequently Asked Questions**

- <https://www.hematology.org/covid-19/covid-19-and-multiple-myeloma>

GLOBE NEWS WIRE

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/04/14/2015521/0/en/Sanofi-and-GSK-to-join-forces-in-unprecedented-vaccine-collaboration-to-fight-COVID-19.html>

- **Sanofi and GSK to join forces in unprecedented vaccine collaboration to fight COVID-19**

TAKEDA ONCOLOGY

Takeda Expands Patient Assistance in the U.S. During COVID-19 Crisis

https://www.takeda.com/siteassets/en-us/home/newsroom/covid-19/expanded-patient-assistance-statement_4.22.20.pdf