

**CENTRAL NEW JERSEY MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2020 MEETING UPDATE**

This was an open meeting on Zoom and we had 25 members in attendance.

**OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AND NOT ON THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 11, 2020 “SPRING CELEBRATION OF LIFE EVENT”**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual, first time ever virtual, Miracles for Myeloma 5k Run/Walk was a huge success! Over \$42,000 has been raised so far. Donations are being accepted until December 18, 2020, so please visit their webpage and donate to help reach the \$50,000 goal!! Visit [http://give.myeloma.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=2101&pg=entry](http://give.myeloma.org/site/TR?fr_id=2101&pg=entry)

for more information. To view photos from the walk, click on the “gallery” tab. You may also continue to email your photos from the walk to [miracles4mm@comcast.net](mailto:miracles4mm@comcast.net). Be sure to also visit the virtual “Remembrance Path”. Congratulations to Ron and Sheree Pask from all of us for another successful walk!!!

Below are “Informational Myeloma/COVID-19” Links and “Informational Myeloma Links”

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INFORMATIONAL COVID-19 LINKS**

**International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)**

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

- COVID-19 Update: Understanding Second and Third Waves of COVID-19 as We Head into Autumn
- #ASKDRDURIE COVID-19 FAQs

**Myeloma Crowd**

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

- Practical Guidelines for Blood Thinners in COVID-19 Patients

**Cure**

<https://www.curetoday.com/view/drug-exposure-disease-characteristics-not-linked-to-increased-mortality-risk-in-patients-with>

- Drug Exposure, Disease Characteristics Not Linked to Increased Mortality Risk in Patients with Multiple Myeloma Who Contracted COVID-19

<https://www.curetoday.com/search?searchTerm=covid%2019>

- How COVID-19 Robs Patients with Cancer of Their Precious Time

- Dealing with Cancer and COVID-19 is Similar in Many Ways

## **Myeloma Research News**

<https://myelomaresearchnews.com/information-about-covid-19-for-myeloma-patients/>

- Information About COVID-19 for Myeloma Patients (September 23 – Oct 7 updates)

## **Patient Power**

<https://patientpower.info/search/?query=coronavirus&center=28>

- Are Myeloma Treatment Plans Changing During Coronavirus?
- Coronavirus: Being Physically Distant But Staying Socially Connected
- Multiple Myeloma and COVID-19: What Experts Have Learned
- COVID-19 Lessons for Myeloma Patients

## **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)**

<https://www.lls.org/public-health/coronavirus>

- Blog Posts:
  - Helping Blood Cancer Patients and Families When It's Needed Most by Gwen Nichols, MD, LLS Chief Medical Officer
  - Driving Forward Our COVID-19 Policy Priorities for Patients By Ryan Holeywell, Senior Director, Advocacy Communication

- LLS Brings Light to Healthcare Workers on the Front Lines of COVID-19 Pandemic
- Helping Blood Cancer Patients and Caregivers Navigate the Financial Impact of COVID-19
- Recent Drug Approvals for Blood Cancer Mark Significant Progress for Patients by Lee Greenberger, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer, LLS
- Working with Lawmakers to Address the Unique Needs of Cancer Patients by Ryan Holeywell, Senior Director, Advocacy Communication at LLS
- Staying Well-Nourished While Social Distancing by Abby Singh, Sr. Manager, Patient Programs & Content, & Margaret Martin, Registered Dietitian, at LLS
- Managing Family and Work Obligations While Social Distancing at Home
- More COVID-19 Questions and Answers by Gwen Nichols, MD, LLS Chief Medical Officer
- Cleaning Tips To Help Keep You And Your Loved Ones Safe
- 10 Self-Care Tips to Cope with Isolation and Stress by Gwen Nichols, MD, LLS Chief Medical Officer
- Helping Blood Cancer Patients Adjust to the New Normal by Gwen Nichols, MD, LLS Chief Medical Officer
- 4 Things Cancer Patients Need To Know About The Coronavirus by Gwen Nichols, MD, LLS Chief Medical Officer
- News Releases:

- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Launches First Clinical Trial Specifically for Blood Cancer Patients with COVID-19
- Blood Cancer Patients Need Support Now More Than Ever
- 29 Patient Organizations Urge Lawmakers To Take Bold, Immediate Action To Protect Those Most Vulnerable To Covid-19
- Webcasts:
  - Your Questions Answered about Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - Calming Anxiety And Fear: Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - Connect Science: Virtually Connecting The Science Community
  - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute are hosting a series of webinars by leading cancer researchers, including LLS-supported researchers Catherine Wu, Ben Ebert and Carl June and others. [Click here](#) to view the webinars in real time, view archived sessions, and see the schedule of upcoming presenters. The talks are focused on science but anyone interested is welcome to join.
- Podcasts:
  - What Blood Cancer Patients Need to Know About COVID-19
  - COVID-19: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know
  - The Role of the PA and Nurse in Treating Patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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**INFORMATIONAL MYELOMA LINKS**

**International Myeloma Foundation**

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

- Replay - 2020 IMF Patient & Family Webinar: Multiple Myeloma - New Treatments, Diversity, and Caregiver Support

**Multiple Myeloma Research News**

<https://themmrf.org/>

**Myeloma Crowd**

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

- Using an Oral Proteasome Inhibitor as Maintenance Therapy for Transplant Ineligible Myeloma Patients
- HealthTree University: Autologous Stem Cell Transplant (Part 1 of 3)
- Considering all the options when deciding to purchase a Medicare or Medigap plan
- Oncopeptides Launches Expanded Access Melflufen Program for Multiple Myeloma Patients
- Tandem Transplants vs. Auto-Allo Transplants in Multiple Myeloma
- FDA Grants Priority Review for Ide-Cel CAR T Therapy

- HealthTree University: Starting Treatment (Part 2 of 3)
- HealthTree University: Starting Treatment (Part 3 of 3)
- How Pomalidomide Works to Kill Multiple Myeloma
- FDA Grants Orphan Drug Status to New CD38 Antibody Redirecting Molecule (ARM) Myeloma Therapy
- MRD Negativity is Better than Stringent Complete Response (sCR) to Determine Myeloma Patient Outcomes
- MCRT Webcast: Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Essentials: How Should Patients Interpret Results?
- MCRT Webcast: Myeloma Therapies on the Horizon (BLENREP and CELMoDs)
- MCRT Webcast: Myeloma Genetics with Three Experts

### **Myeloma Crowd Radio**

<https://www.myelomacrowd.org/myeloma-crowd-radio-episodes/>

### **Cure**

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

- Program Leads Patients With Cancer on ‘The Right Track’
- Phase 3 TOURMALINE-MM2 Study Fails to Meet Primary Endpoint in Treating Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

### **OnLive/OnLive Videos**

<https://www.onclive.com/clinical/multiple-myeloma>

- Dr. Vesole on Developing Off-the-Shelf CAR T-Cell Therapy in Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Lonial Discusses Ongoing Research With BiTEs and CAR T-Cell Therapy in Myeloma
- Dr. Vesole on the Advantages of CAR T-Cell Therapy in Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Silberman on Treatment Options in Early-Relapse Multiple Myeloma
- Belantamab Mafodotin in Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma Requires Multidisciplinary Effort
- Experts Examine Predictive Value of MRD, Maintenance Strategies in Myeloma
- Monoclonal Antibodies, ADCs, and CAR T Cells Invigorate the Myeloma Paradigm
- From the Ophthalmologist's Eye: Managing Ocular Toxicities With Belantamab Mafodotin in Myeloma
- BCMA-Targeted Approaches Revolutionize Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma Treatment
- Novel Combos With Belantamab Mafodotin May Move the Needle in Myeloma
- Triplet Regimens Dominate the Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma Treatment Landscape
- FDA Grants Priority Review to Idecabtagene Vicleucel for Multiple Myeloma

- Quadruplets Poised to Become New Standard in Frontline Transplant-Eligible Myeloma
- Novel Agents Rouse Responses in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- Improved Induction Therapies Could Eliminate the Need for Transplant in Myeloma
- Novel Triplet Combos Offer Deep Remissions in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Costa on the Promising Role of CAR T-Cell Therapy in Multiple Myeloma

## **Myeloma Research News**

<https://myelomaresearchnews.com/>

- Stand Up to Cancer Awards \$100K for Research About Precursor Multiple Myeloma
- Melflufen Open to Select Adults With Advanced Multiple Myeloma in US
- Planned Study Aims for Way to Personalize Multiple Myeloma Treatment
- New HealthTree Feature Promotes Patient-to-Patient Communication
- ONCOTracker, Binding Site Team Up to Develop sBCMA Monitoring Test
- Ninlaro Combo Fails to Halt Progression of Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma, Trial Data Show

- Ide-cel Granted FDA Priority Review for Heavily-treated Multiple Myeloma
- FDA Grants Fast Track Designation to ‘Off-the-shelf’ CAR T-cell Therapy
- Investigational Myeloma Treatment KP1237 Wins FDA Orphan Drug Status
- FDA Puts on Hold Phase 1 Cellectis Trial Testing CAR T-cell Therapy UCARTCS1A

## Patient Power

<https://patientpower.info/multiple-myeloma/>

- **Friday, October 16th at 1:15 pm PT/4:15 pm ET.**
  - **Latest News on CAR T-Cell Therapy for Multiple Myeloma**  
**How can CAR T-cell therapy be used to treat multiple myeloma?**  
**Is it getting closer to being an approved treatment option?**  
**Register today to attend our next Answers Now Program**
- Monoclonal Antibodies are Changing Outcomes for Myeloma Patients
- Experts Discuss Stem Cell Transplants for Myeloma
- Genomic test accurately identifies patients with smoldering multiple myeloma at high risk of developing myeloma, study finds
- Darzalex Faspro: What is it and Does it Have Side Effects?

- Monoclonal Antibodies are Changing Outcomes for Myeloma Patients
- Experts Discuss Stem Cell Transplants for Myeloma
- Latest FDA Approval Inspires Hope for Multiple Myeloma Cure
- Published on September 8, 2020
- What is Darzalex Faspro and Can it Replace Infused Darzalex for Myeloma Patients?

### **HealthTree University Myeloma (YouTube)**

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

