

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING RECAP FOR WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

This was an open meeting...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 3, 2017

Patient Seminar presented by the MMRF at The Roosevelt Hotel, Manhattan, NY

www.themmrf.org/nysummit

November 9, 2017

Living Well with Myeloma Webinar Series...” How to talk to your healthcare team about what’s best for you”

www.myeloma.org/understanding/imf-tv/living-well-myeloma

You can also hear past topics of interest in the Webinar Series.

November 9, 2017

Takeda Oncology presents a “Multiple Myeloma Educational Event”, 5:30 pm in Jersey City. Visit

www.mmeducationprogram.com or call 1-866-508-6181 for more information.

November 11, 2017

The MMRF is sponsoring the MMRF Team for Cures Walk/Run in Philadelphia. Visit <https://walkrun.themmr.org/philadelphia> for more information.

November 11, 2017

Takeda Oncology is presenting the educational program “Ninlaro” at the Bridgewater Marriott. Visit www.myelomaevent.com and find the date of this program under “Upcoming Events” or call 1-844-247-1641 for details.

November 28, 2017

“Giving Tuesday” ...Please consider giving a donation to the IMF <https://www.myeloma.org/article/givingtuesday>

If you are starting your shopping for the Holidays and shop at Amazon.com, instead visit www.amazon.myeloma.org (your Amazon information stays the same), and for each purchase Amazon will donate 7% or more to the IMF.

Miracles for Myeloma 5K walk/run

The Miracles for Myeloma 5K walk/run website will be accepting donations through December. Please visit http://give.myeloma.org/site/TR?fr_id=1230&pg=entry#.WfyZd2hSw2wew to make a donation, as well as to view pictures and videos from this inspiring day.

Co-pay Assistance:

The IMF advises that there are no copay assistance plans open to new myeloma applicants and apparently aid has been suspended to those currently enrolled in programs. The IMF is staying on top of this and will keep their website up to date: <https://www.myeloma.org/article/co-pay-assistance-programs-update>

Below is the current information:

Celgene's (*Thalomid, Revlimid, & Pamalyst*) patient support web portal: <https://www.celgenepatientsupport.com/>

Takeda Financial Aid

Ninlaro 1Point Program: <https://www.ninlaro.com/cost>

Velcade Support: <http://www.velcade.com/paying-for-treatment/>

Amgen *Kyprolis*

Amgen Assist 360

Program: <http://www.amgenassist360.com/patient/kyprolis-cost-nurse-ambassador-assistance/>

Janssen *Darzalex*

Janssen CarePath

Program: <https://www.darzalexhcp.com/cost-support/janssen-carepath#affordability>

If you have additional questions, please contact the IMF's Infoline team: [800-452-2873](tel:800-452-2873) (Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Pacific) or by e-mail at: Infoline@myeloma.org.

Stem Cell Transplants:

The BMT Info Network offers pre-recorded programs of interest to those who have had or are considering a stem cell transplant. The latest offerings relate to Getting back to the business of life after transplant: Three New Videos Show You How! The topics are:

- Employment Rights and Disability Insurance
- Financial Health after Transplant
- Health Insurance: Know Your Rights and Options

For more information, go to www.BMTinfolinet.org

Group website and email information:

centralnj.support.myeloma.org

You can view past recaps here as well as past informative newsletters and additional myeloma information from the IMF.

You may also reach the Steering Committee by email at centralnj@imfsupport.org

CELEBRATION OF LIFE EVENT

For new members, the Celebration of Life Event has been held in lieu of our January meeting for the past few years. This has been an enjoyable evening with live music and catered food from Celgene and Takeda Oncology. We have been very fortunate in the past that the winter weather has cooperated and allowed us to hold our event. Your Steering Committee has decided that this year the event will not be held in January, but will be held in lieu of our May 2, 2018 meeting (also, this year the Holidays are very close to our meeting date, which was another consideration).

We will still meet on January 3, 2018, in our first-floor meeting room. This will be an informal, social meeting. If you would like to bring some leftover Holiday cookies or treats to share, that would be enjoyable to all. We will provide coffee/tea and perhaps a punch!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Stay well...

Debbie Morelli