

**CENTRAL NEW JERSEY MULTIPLE MYELOMA SUPPORT GROUP**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING RECAP FOR AUGUST 4, 2021**

There were 36 members in attendance virtually, and we welcomed one new member. We also shared the news from our member Len Brzozowski, whose Multiple Myeloma is still in remission, but has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Please keep Len and his family in your thoughts and Prayers at this time as he enters a new cancer battle.

Guest Speaker: Ann McNeill, RN, MSN, APN from the John Theurer Cancer Center, Hackensack Medical Center. Ann is also a member of the International Myeloma Foundation's Nurse Leadership Board. You may reach Ann at [ann.mcneill@hmhn.org](mailto:ann.mcneill@hmhn.org)

Program Topic: Making "Music" With Your Health Care Team"

This was a very informative presentation that focused on the many myeloma therapies and their side effects, and the importance of speaking with your myeloma specialist regarding the management of these side effects. A link to the slides from this presentation is below for your information.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eujriezwxk2c0bb/Danny%20Verina%20Jul%2010%20SG%20Call%20IMF%20SG%20Tenn%20V2%20mcf.pdf?dl=0>

Announcements:

- Miracles for Myeloma 5K Run/Walk 2021 Virtual Edition kicks off on September 1, 2021. You can join our group team, Central Jersey Memorial Team, or create your own team, participate as individual or donate. You can also honor or remember someone on the Remembrance Path. Over \$695,000 has been raised over the past 8 years for myeloma research! Please visit their website for more information. Let's help make miracles happen again!!  
[http://give.myeloma.org/site/TR/M4M/2019M4M?pg=entry&fr\\_id=2322](http://give.myeloma.org/site/TR/M4M/2019M4M?pg=entry&fr_id=2322)
- Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
  - Blood Cancer Conference – FREE!
  - <https://na.eventscloud.com/website/26596/>
  - September 18, 2021 @ 1:30-3:30 ET
- FDA Alert for Pepaxto (melflufen) in Multiple Myeloma
  - <https://www.myelomacrowd.org/fda-alert-for-pepaxto-melflufen-in-multiple-myeloma/>
  - FDA alerts patients and health care professionals about clinical trial results showing an increased risk of death associated with Pepaxto (melphalan flufenamide)

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### INFORMATIONAL MYELOMA LINKS

## International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)

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

- Ask Dr. Durie
  - <https://www.myeloma.org/imf-videos>
    - Can myeloma maintenance therapy be adjusted?
    - What is the immune therapy registry being developed by the IMF?
    - What is the “virtual” biobank being developed by the IMF?
- Living Well With Myeloma
  - How to get financial help for myeloma patients and caregivers? (Video of webinar)
- IMWG
  - IMWG Conference Series: ASCO 2021
- ASCO
- iStopMM
  - The IMF's iStopMM (Iceland Screens Treats or Prevents Multiple Myeloma) publishes its first paper.
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LskOC39mYx8>

## Veterans Against Myeloma

<https://www.myeloma.org/veterans-against-myeloma>

## Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)

<https://themmrf.org/>

- The MMRF Collaborates with Sanofi to Support the MMRF CureCloud® Research Initiative
- MMRF Virtual ASCO 2021 Meeting Blogs
- MyDRUG Trial Preliminary Results Discussed at ESH Meeting
- 4/10/21 Patient Summit – Top FAQs
- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Founder - Kathy Giusti: Warp Speed to cancer cures – COVID vaccine should be our model to save more lives
  - <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/cancer-cure-warp-speed-covid-vaccines-kathy-giusti>

## Myeloma Crowd

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

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- FDA Approval for Shingrix to Prevent Shingles Post Auto Stem Cell Transplant in Multiple Myeloma

- Adjusting the Way You Eat: Green, Yellow, and Red Light Foods
- Johnson & Johnson Recalls Aerosol Sunscreen Brands Due to Discovered Benzene
- Darzalex FasPro Receives FDA Approval for Use with Pomalidomide and Dex in Multiple Myeloma
- Using A Simple Test Called Mass-Fix to Predict Multiple Myeloma Survival
- What to Pair with Bispecific Antibodies in Multiple Myeloma
- CAR T vs. Bispecific Antibodies: How's a Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma Patient to Choose?
- Sanofi Teams with Eureka Therapeutics and MSK on GPR5CD Non-CAR Myeloma Treatment
  - <https://www.myelomacrowd.org/sanofi-teams-with-eureka-therapeutics-and-msk-on-gpr5cd-non-car-myeloma-treatment/>

#### Myeloma Round Tables

- MCRT Webcast: ASCO/EHA Meeting Review (Part 1)
- MCRT Webcast: ASCO/EHA Meeting Review (Part 2)

#### HealthTree University

- HealthTree University: MRD Testing (Part 1/3)
- HealthTree University: MRD Testing (Part 2/3)
- HealthTree University: MRD Testing (Part 3/3)
- HealthTree University: Know Your Labs (Part 1/3)
- HealthTree University: Know Your Labs (Part 2/3)

HeathTree University YouTube

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

- Lots of great informative videos on MM

**Myeloma Crowd Radio**

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

**Myeloma Beacon**

<https://myelomabeacon.org/>

**Myeloma Central**

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

**Standing in the Gaap**

<https://www.myelomacentral.com/multiple-myeloma-african-americans/what-is-standing-in-the-gaap/>

**Cure**

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

- FDA Approves Darzalex Faspro for Second-Line Treatment of Multiple Myeloma
- Preventative Kineret May Ease CAR T-Cell Therapy Side Effects in Multiple Myeloma

- Too Much Money for the Medicine
  - <https://www.curetoday.com/view/too-much-money-for-the-medicine>

## Cure Talks

<https://www.curetalks.com/category/myeloma/>

## OnLive/OnLive Videos

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

- Making the Most of Therapeutic Options in Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Lee on the Evolving Treatment Paradigm in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Lentzsch on the Utility of Cellular Therapies in Multiple Myeloma
- Dr. Mikhael on Treatment Selection for Early Relapse in Multiple Myeloma
- FDA Approval Insights: Isatuximab Plus Carfilzomib/ Dexamethasone in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
- Subcutaneous Elranatamab Elicits Encouraging Responses in Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma
  - <https://www.onlive.com/view/subcutaneous-elranatamab-elicits-encouraging-responses-in-relapsed-refractory-myeloma>
- Cilta-cel Yields Survival Benefit vs Standard Treatment in Triple-Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

- <https://www.onclive.com/view/cilta-cel-yields-survival-benefit-vs-standard-treatment-in-triple-relapsed-refractory-multiple-myeloma>

## **Myeloma Research News**

<https://myelomaresearchnews.com/>

## **Multiple Myeloma Hub**

<https://multiplemyelomahub.com/>

- Teclistamab, a BCMA/CD3 bispecific antibody for patients with RRMM: Phase I MajesTEC-1 trial results
- Updated results of the ICARIA-MM trial of isatuximab, pomalidomide, and dexamethasone in patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma
- The impact of CAR T-cell therapy on quality of life of patients with triple-class refractory multiple myeloma
- When sequencing therapies for RRMM, how can we identify which patients may benefit most from CAR-T
- Elranatamab, a subcutaneous BCMA/CD3 bispecific antibody, in patients with RRMM: Findings from the MagnetisMM-1 trial
  - <https://multiplemyelomahub.com/medical-information/elranatamab-a-subcutaneous-bcmacd3-bispecific-antibody-in-patients-with-rrmm-findings-from-the-magnetismm-1-trial>
- With the unprecedented results seen with novel therapies, what is needed to overcome the poor prognosis of high-risk MM?  
(Podcast)



- <https://multiplemyelomahub.com/medical-information/with-the-unprecedented-results-seen-with-novel-therapies-what-is-needed-to-overcome-the-poor-prognosis-of-high-risk-mm>

## **Patient Power**

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

- Latest News
  - How Accessible is CAR T-Cell Therapy?
  - Multiple Myeloma Treatment Overview
- Peripheral Neuropathy in Multiple Myeloma
  - <https://patientpower.info/peripheral-neuropathy-in-multiple-myeloma/#.YQQ7hXXAzo8.twitter>

## **American Society of Hematology**

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

## **Ash Clinical News**

<https://www.ashclinicalnews.org/?s=multiple+myeloma>

- Analyzing Survival Outcomes With Ixazomib-Rd in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

## **Blood Journal**

<https://ashpublications.org/blood>

## **The Lancet**

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

## **MYeloma Channel**

<https://myelomachannel.com/>

- For relapsed/refractory myeloma patients

## **Patient Empowerment Network**

<https://powerfulpatients.org/help-by-cancer-diagnosis/multiple-myeloma/>

## **Managing Myeloma**

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

- Changing Standards In Transplant-Ineligible Patients Newly Diagnosed With Myeloma
- Overcoming Challenges In Smoldering Multiple Myeloma: Improving Diagnosis And Treatment Selection

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

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

- LLS Urges Blood Cancer Patients to get Vaccinated as its National Patient Registry Enters Next Phase in COVID-19 Vaccine Studies
- Accessing Out-of-Network Care
  - <https://lls.org/advocate/accessing-out-network-care>
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## **Blood Cancer Journal**

Iceland screens, treats, or prevents multiple myeloma (iStopMM): a population-based screening study for monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance and randomized controlled trial of follow-up strategies

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41408-021-00480-w>

## **Spark Cures**

<https://sparkcures.com/>

- A multiple myeloma clinical trial finder tool that simplifies the process

## **PR Newswire**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/janssen-announces-us-fda-approval-of-darzalex-faspro-daratumumab-and-hyaluronidase-fihj-in-combination-with-pomalidomide-and-dexamethasone-for-patients-with-multiple-myeloma-after-first-or-subsequent-relapse-301331428.html>

- Janssen Announces U.S. FDA Approval of DARZALEX FASPRO® (daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj) in Combination with Pomalidomide and Dexamethasone for Patients with Multiple Myeloma After First or Subsequent Relapse

## **Allogene**

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2021/06/30/2255661/0/en/Allogene-Therapeutics-Granted-FDA-Fast-Track-Designation-for-ALLO-605-the-First-TurboCAR-T-Cell-Therapy-for-the-Treatment-of-Relapsed-Refractory-Multiple-Myeloma.html>

- Allogene Therapeutics Granted FDA Fast Track Designation for ALLO-605, the First TurboCAR™ T Cell Therapy, for the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

## **Business Wire**

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210706005097/en/Eureka-Therapeutics-Announces-New-GPRC5D-License-Agreement-with-Sanofi-to-Target-Multiple-Myeloma>

- Eureka Therapeutics Announces New GPRC5D License Agreement with Sanofi to Target Multiple Myeloma

## The ASCO Post

- Surbhi Sidana, MD, on CAR T-Cell Therapy and Bispecific Antibodies Targeting Myeloma
  - <https://ascopost.com/issues/august-10-2021/epov-surbhi-sidana/>
- Defining Cure in Multiple Myeloma
  - <https://ascopost.com/issues/july-10-2021/defining-cure-in-multiple-myeloma/>

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### International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)

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

- COVID-19 Vaccination and Myeloma Patients (July 2, 2021 update)
- Week in Review – Dr. Brian Durie
  - Is a COVID-19 Booster Vaccination the Answer for Myeloma Patients?
  - Staying Safe During the Delta Variant Surge
  - The New World of the COVID-19 Delta Variant

## **The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)**

- MMRF Partners with Dana Farber Cancer Institute on Covid-19
  - <https://themmrf.org/2021/07/27/multiple-myeloma-and-the-coronavirus/>
- IMPACT research study (Antibody-based COVID-19 Testing)
  - <https://themmrf.org/2021/07/28/mmrf-partners-with-dana-farber-cancer-institute-on-covid-19-impact-research-study-antibody-based-covid-19-testing/>

## **Myeloma Crowd**

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

- COVID Responses for Myeloma Patients on an Anti-CD38 Therapy
- Response Rate and Response Predictors to the Pfizer/BioNTech Vaccine in Multiple Myeloma Patients
- More Data on Multiple Myeloma Patient Responses to COVID Vaccines
  - <https://www.myelomacrowd.org/more-data-on-myeloma-patient-responses-to-covid-vaccines-1/>

## **Cure**

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

- COVID-19 Vaccine May Be Less Effective in Patients With Myeloma
- FDA OKs COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots for Individuals With Weakened Immune Systems

### **OncoLive/OncoLive Videos**

- <https://www.onclive.com/search?searchTerm=covid>
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Fails to Deliver SARS-CoV-2 Spike Antibody Responses in Multiple Myeloma
  - Low Antibody-Mediated Responses to mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Observed in CLL, Elderly Myeloma

### **Patient Power**

- <https://patientpower.info/search/?center=&query=covid+19>
  - Regeneron Approved by FDA for Use After COVID-19 Exposure

### **American Society of Hematology (ASH)**

- <https://www.hematology.org/covid-19>
  - COVID-19 Resources (too many to list)

### **Patient Empowerment Network**

- <https://powerfulpatients.org/?s=covid+19>

- Are COVID-19 Vaccines Effective for Myeloma Patients?

### **Business Standard**

- Pfizer, Moderna Covid shots delay response in blood cancer patients
  - [https://www.business-standard.com/article/health/pfizer-moderna-covid-shots-delay-response-in-blood-cancer-patients-121062901260\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/health/pfizer-moderna-covid-shots-delay-response-in-blood-cancer-patients-121062901260_1.html)

### **US News and World Report**

- Some Myeloma Patients Get No Protection From COVID-19 Vaccines
  - <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-06-30/some-myeloma-patients-get-no-protection-from-covid-19-vaccines>

### **Onco'Zine – International Oncology Network**

- Study Shows that Multiple Myeloma Patients had a Widely Variable Response to COVID-19 Vaccines
  - <https://www.oncozine.com/study-shows-that-multiple-myeloma-patients-had-a-widely-variable-response-to-covid-19-vaccines/>



## **Medscape**

- FDA to Warn J&J Vaccine Can Increase Guillain-Barré Risk
  - <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/954669>

## **Oncology Nursing News**

- COVID-19 Vaccine May Not Be Effective in Patients With Multiple Myeloma
  - <https://www.oncnursingnews.com/view/covid-19-vaccine-may-not-be-effective-in-patients-with-multiple-myeloma>

## **Cancer Health**

- 25% of Blood Cancer Patients May Not Respond to COVID-19 Vaccines
  - <https://www.cancerhealth.com/article/25-blood-cancer-patients-may-respond-covid19-vaccines>

## **National Library of Medicine**

- Response to mRNA vaccination for COVID-19 among patients with multiple myeloma
  - <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34326466/>

## **CDC**

- Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/mrna.html>

## **Blood Cancer Journal**

- The neutralizing antibody response post COVID-19 vaccination in patients with myeloma is highly dependent on the type of anti-myeloma treatment
  - <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41408-021-00530-3>