

Chattanooga Multiple Myeloma Networking Group

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Carey Clifton of Celgene Presents What is Myeloma

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Carey Clifton, a Clinical Nurse Consultant, for Celgene Corporation will be speaking about ‘What is Myeloma – a myeloma overview’ for the September meeting. The presentation will also touch on factors about living with

myeloma. Carey is a nurse practitioner who worked in the field directly with patients for many years at Vanderbilt and joined the Celgene team in 2018. Although Carey will

not be able to give individual medical advice, her personal experiences will certainly be reflected in her presentation. New and veteran patients will certainly benefit from this presentation. Hope to see you on September 12th.

Myeloma Fact of the Month

IRONMAN Chattanooga set for Sunday, September 29th will have several participants who are raising funds for myeloma research. All donations will go directly for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Myeloma Crowd Round Table October 12th—Atlanta

Myeloma Crowd Round Table is a day-long meeting with multiple myeloma experts to help patients and caregivers make better decisions about their treatment and care. Top myeloma specialists provide insight about the most advanced therapies, what to do at relapse or for high risk disease. The program is designed to help you stay one step ahead for your best outcomes. Also, it’s a great venue to ask questions and meet others in the myeloma community. The myeloma experts at the

Atlanta meeting are Morie Gertz, MD of the Mayo Clinic, Emory Winship specialists Craig Hofmeister, MD, Nisha Joseph, MD and Jonathan Kaufman, MD and Cesar Rodriguez, MD of Wake Forest University. This event is on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at Emory Conference Center. To register, go to Give.CrowdCare.org/MCRTAtlanta. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 but is being waived for those traveling from out of town. Use promo code myelomafree. Lunch, refreshments and parking are included.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Standard and High-Risk Disease Issues
- Strategies for Patients with Refractory and Relapsed Disease
- Update on role of Stem Cell Transplant
- Sorting out Consolidation Therapies
- Immunotherapies: Ready for Prime Time?

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Upcoming Meetings:

- October 10** - Rhonda Edwards; Selecting the Right Medicare Supplement
- November 14** - Thanksgiving Dinner/ Member Roundtable
- December** - no meeting/ holiday break

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Support for the group provided by:

Memorial Center for Cancer Support
605 Glenwood Drive, #307 Chattanooga, TN 37404
(next to Memorial Hospital)
423-495-7778

and

International Myeloma Foundation
www.myeloma.org
Phone/InfoLine: 800-452-2873 (CURE)



Questions, Comments or Suggestions?

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Meetings Held

2ND THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

Except July & December

Upcoming Meeting

Thursday, September 12

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Memorial Center for Cancer Support

Memorial Plaza Building, Suite 307 — next to
Memorial Hospital

Complimentary Dinner Served • Free, covered
parking • No Reservation Needed

Treatment Assistance Programs/Funds

There are several assistance programs that currently have funds available for multiple myeloma patients as well as programs administered directly by the pharmaceutical companies. The funds available through non-profit organizations are typically available to Medicare patients and in some cases to those with private insurance. Assistance from pharmaceutical companies are available to those with private insurance, although their counselors may be able to locate funds through non-profits for Medicare patients. Your oncologist's team can also assist with these programs and those administered by the drug manufacturers.

The non-profits that currently have available funds include:

The **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)** has available funds for their co-pay assistance program. (877) 557-2672
FinancialAssistance@lls.org

The **Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF)** has available funds for their co-pay assistance program. <https://www.copays.org/>

Healthwell has funds available for Medicare patients only <https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/fund/multiple-myeloma-medicare-access/>