
Newsletter

October 2017



Myeloma Alberta
Support Society

Wellness Fair–

Saturday November 4

A Wellness Fair will take the place of the November support meeting. It will be held at Servus Corporate Centre, 151 Karl Clark Rd, in Edmonton from 9:15 am to 3 pm, and will include a light lunch. You can still register for this event by emailing newsevents@multiplemyeloma.ca and giving the full name of all participants, and including any food restrictions.

9:15 – 9:45 am Social Time – coffee and pastries will be provided
10:00 – 11:00 am Erin Pearase – Understanding Travel Insurance
11:00 – 12:00 pm Dr. Gauba – Stress Management
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch - provided
1:00 – 2:00 pm Carrie Lund – Inspirational Speaker
2:00 – 3:00 pm Guest Speaker - Binding Site Blood Tests

We will be holding a silent auction at the Wellness Fair. Proceeds will go to help fund Research at the University of Alberta.

Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Potluck and Candlelight ceremony, to be held on Saturday, December 2 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Hall. Come out for fellowship and good eating with other members and friends of MASS.

January Meeting

The January meeting will feature professional speaker and author John Mclay speaking on the topic of Surviving Cancer. John will share experiences from his cancer journey. Mark your calendars.

Ensuring Funding for Life Saving Drugs

Myeloma Canada is requesting your help in letting governments know about the importance of providing access to current myeloma treatments. Recently two myeloma drugs, Kyprolis® (carfilzomib) and Darzalex® (daratumumab) received approvals by Health Canada and positive recommendations for funding by our Health Technology Assessment (HTA) government bodies. Patients cannot get ready access to these drugs until the province in which they reside agrees to provide reimbursement for the treatment. To date, none of the provinces has funded these valuable treatments. The Myeloma Advocacy Program of Myeloma Canada is asking for your assistance in letting your government know the importance of this issue to you and your loved ones. You can quickly and easily send an email to your MLA by clicking on this link and following a few simple instructions.

<http://myelomacommunity.ca>

Please take the time to help. We can make a difference with a strong united voice.

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Upcoming Webinar

The International Myeloma Foundation will be presenting a webinar on Thursday November 9 at 5 p.m. MST. The topic is **How to Talk with your Healthcare Team about What's Best for You**

The webinar will last for 60 minutes, including a question and answer period. Please register at the following address:

<http://give.myeloma.org/site/R?i=fPTRtTI336Y8jldNpe3jnQ>

Have you completed? – A member survey was recently sent by email. Please take the time to respond if you have not already done so. The feedback is important to future planning for MASS.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
IMPORTANT DATES

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| Nov 4 | Wellness Fair, Edmonton – Servus Corporate Centre |
| Dec 2 | Christmas Potluck and Candle Light Ceremony* |
| Jan 6 | Surviving Cancer – Speaker John Mclay* |
| Feb 3 | Annual General Meeting* |
| Mar 3 | Emergency Preparedness* - Speaker Rebecca Macklon |

* Meetings held at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 11223-51 Avenue, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Travel Guardian

A number of members have requested the contact information for the Travel Guardian Insurance representative. Erin Pearase can be contacted at 780 487 5400 or by email at erin.p@travelguardian.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MASS is 100% run by volunteers. The support meetings, the social events, education conferences, advocacy efforts, and fund-raising activities are all organized by volunteers. Please consider volunteering; time commitment is flexible. Current positions include:

- Board positions
- Support Meeting Facilitators
- 2018 Multiple Miles Race Committee
- 2018 Education Conference Committee

Please speak to a board member or contact MASS at info@multiplemyeloma.ca

