
Newsletter

September 2016



Myeloma Alberta
Support Society

SEPTEMBER 3RD MEETING

The September meeting will be held at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. Murray Paszko from Servus Canada will be there to share advice and provide direction on Estate Planning.



Pizza Party Success!!

On August 6th MASS hosted a pizza party; 25 members came out and enjoyed some social time and delicious pizza. The next MASS social event will be held on October 29th as part of the Education Conference.

THANK YOU PROSKATE & BAUER CANADA

On August 13th Proskate, a division of Quantum and Bauer Canada held a promotion and raised funds for MASS through donating the proceeds from their hot dog, potato chips, and drink sales. A total of \$500 was raised and donated to MASS. MASS members Jane and Bruce Hettinger, Lorelei Dalrymple, and Bob Thiessen were there to show their appreciation on behalf of MASS. A special thanks to Stephanie, Vanessa, and all the staff for this opportunity and their participation.



FACING MYELOMA TOGETHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE October 29 & 30 2016

Registration is Now Open
Early Bird Rate until September 15

What are the latest research initiatives? How do clinical trials work? What does my blood work report mean? How can I improve my health through nutrition? What support is available for patients and caregivers? What is the future of Myeloma? Get the answers to your questions at the education conference this October in Edmonton. 14 speakers including doctors from the Cross Cancer Institute and Tom Baker Cancer Clinic will cover a wide range of topics. The conference schedule and registration details are available on the MASS website www.multiplemyeloma.ca.

Special early bird conference rates are available until September 15th so register now and save.

UPCOMING WEBINARS



Myeloma UK has two upcoming webinars.

Keeping active when you have Myeloma – September 29th

Improving relationships with your healthcare team – October 27th

Both webinars run from 12:30 – 1:15 UK time (4:30 am MST). A little early for us Albertans? Yes, however; if you register they will email you a link to the recorded presentation and you can watch it at the convenience of your own schedule. Details are available at www.myeloma.org.uk/webinars

NEW MYELOMA DRUG APPROVED BY HEALTH CANADA

Takeda Canada received approval from Health Canada for NINLARO™ (ixazomib) in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy. NINLARO™ is the first and only oral proteasome inhibitor, and the approval makes a new option available to meet the urgent needs of patients living with relapsed and/or refractory multiple myeloma. Click here <http://files.constantcontact.com/e7f4c46f101/a7f837c7-5d4d-43ac-acc4-32c866567c2a.pdf> for the link to the Takeda Canada news release.

Share your talents and skills by volunteering for MASS. Time commitments are flexible depending on your availability.

Positions are open on the board and for various committees and events. If you or anyone in your family or a friend is interested in volunteer opportunities, speak to a board member or contact MASS at info@multiplemyeloma.ca



MARK YOUR CALENDARS IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 3	Support Meeting* Murray Paszko – Estate Planning
Oct 1	Support Meeting* Open Forum
Oct 29&30	Facing Myeloma Together - Education Conference
Nov 8	Myeloma Awareness Day Alberta Legislature
Dec 3	Support Meeting* Christmas Potluck
Jan 7	Support Meeting* TBD
Feb 4	MASS Annual General Meeting

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