

APLASTIC ANEMIA, MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES & PNH

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IN THE WORLD.



Aplastic Anemia, Myelodysplastic Syndromes & PNH are non-contagious and often fatal bone marrow diseases that occur when the bone marrow stops making enough healthy blood cells. Although all of the causes are still unknown, they have been linked to toxins and viruses that we are in contact with every day.

Research is desperately needed because more people than ever are being stricken with these disorders and there is no one cure that is guaranteed to work for everyone. We are making progress—every year the chances for survival are increasing, thanks to advances in medical research.

You can help thousands of patients battling these diseases by:

- ♦ Donating your blood and platelets
- ♦ Joining the National Marrow Donor Program
- ♦ Financially supporting the AA&MDSIF to help families and to find a cure for bone marrow failure diseases

The AA&MDSIF is solely supported through individual contributions and is a non-profit charitable organization as described under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3).



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WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1983, the AA&MDSIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the following mission: to serve as a resource for patient assistance, advocacy, and support; provide educational materials and medical information; and to fund medical research to find effective treatments and cure for Aplastic Anemia, Myelodysplastic Syndromes, and related bone marrow diseases such as PNH.

HOW WE HELP

We provide the following free services to patients, their families, caregivers and health care professionals around the world.

Resource for information, emotional support, and disease management.

Free Educational Materials on medical updates, research findings, clinical trials and treatment options.

Patient Information Resources Department to research and personally answer your questions and concerns.

Online “Ask the Experts” featuring patients’ questions with answers from our team of medical experts.

Global Network of Volunteers who share their treatment experiences and ways they cope with the physical and emotional aspects of these diseases.

International Support Groups in 50 countries provide local assistance, regional resources and patient meetings.

Quarterly Newsletters featuring medical updates, research articles, victory stories, and Foundation activities.

Annual International Patient Conferences featuring prominent doctors and health care experts who discuss medical research issues with patients and their families.

Voluntary Patient Registry that collects patient data for statistical analysis to help medical research work toward a cure.

Medical Research Studies funded by your donations to find effective prevention, treatments, and cure.

Medical Advisory Board comprised of distinguished medical experts who advise the Foundation on research funding, educational materials, and patient inquiries.

Clinical Trials Listing providing updated treatment centers, doctors’ names and phone numbers, and an explanation of protocols.

Patient Travel Fund pays up to \$500 for families to travel to participate in clinical trials.

WHAT WE PUBLISH

AA&MDSIF offers these free brochures:

- Aplastic Anemia Basic Explanations
- MDS Basic Explanations
- PNH Basic Explanations
- Iron Overload Management
- Managing Treatment Decisions
- Families Coping with AA & MDS
- Guide for Teachers & School Nurses
- A Book For Children & Parents
- AA&MDSIF Quarterly Newsletters

Some publications available in Spanish, French, German, Russian and Italian.

For more information on our services, or to offer your services and financial support, please contact us today.

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