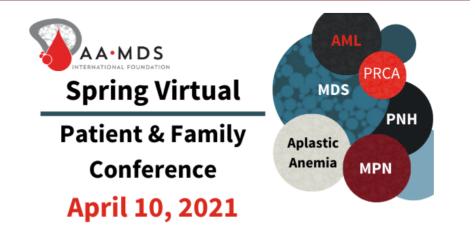


# **Foundation Update**

February 2021

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Do you have **questions for the experts**? This is your chance to ask those questions that keep you up at night with specialists who know the answers.

Register for April 10th Conference



#### March for Marrow, March for Hope!

Join us at a (Virtual) **March for Marrow**! These fundraising events provide an uplifting and exciting way to spread awareness about bone marrow failure diseases.

We have three event dates confirmed: the **2021 Global March for Marrow Kick-Off** (3/1-3/7), the **March for Marrow Texas** (3/27-4/3), and the **March for Marrow California** (4/24-5/1).

Sign up for any of the walks here: www.marchformarrow.org

Register or set up Fundraising Team Here

# Virtual Support Groups



Dealing with any bone marrow failure disease is challenging, but you don't have to go through it alone. Caregivers, transplant patients, and those bereaved by marrow failure diseases have **support groups** as well as those for patients with specific disease types.

If you would like to be in a **safe place** to talk about what you are going through, or if you would like to encourage others, please check out the Virtual Support Groups **HERE**. You will be sent all the virtual login information when you <u>register</u>.

Together, we are strong!

## **Congratulations to Dr. Jim Gajewski!**



Dr. Jim Gajewski, one of the long-standing members of the AAMDSIF Board of Directors, was invited to be a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians ("RCP") in London. The RCP is a prestigious 500-year old medical college (the oldest in England) and a professional society dedicated to healthcare and health policy with "respect for the patient at all times and support for the professionals who care for those patients."

We are delighted that Jim has received this prestigious and well-deserved honor. He has been tireless in his dedication to patients dealing with

bone marrow failure diseases and has been a perennial advocate for changes in health care policy and treatment methods to serve our patients.



Good news for future Transplant patients! This new treatment will decrease complications from a bone marrow transplant. Find out more at the link below.

Press Release Here



**COMMODORE 1:** The purpose of the study is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of crovalimab compared with eculizumab in adult and adolescent participants with Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) **treated with complement inhibitors**. This clinical trial is recruiting people with a diagnosis of PNH and that receive treatment with eculizumab or ravulizumab before starting the clinical trial. This study will enroll approximately 250 participants around the globe and will assign participants into two different groups receiving Crovalimab or Eculizumab.

#### Commodore 1 Clinical Trial Information

**COMMODORE 2:** The purpose of the study is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Crovalimab versus Eculizumab in adult and adolescent participants With Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) **not previously treated with complement inhibitors.** The study will enroll approximately 200 participants around the globe and will assign participants in different groups receiving Eculizumab or Crovalimab in a ratio of 2:1 (which means that for each participant receiving Crovalimab, two participants will receive Eculizumab.)

Commodore 2 Clinical Trial Information

### **Upcoming MDS Webinar:**

• March 8, 2021: ASH 2020 Updates for MDS and AML (@3pm ET)

More are being scheduled for 2021! Watch your email for notices.

#### **2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency**



Our organization earned a 2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency! Now, everyone can see our strategy, metrics, and achievements. Check out our updated #NonprofitProfile on Candid:

https://www.quidestar.org/profile/52-1336903









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