

Foundation Update March 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. The first 2021 virtual conference is April 10th, so **register** right away!

Register for April 10th Conference

Have you read Danielle's story yet?

A Caregiver's Story of MDS, Endurance, and Hope

Read HERE





Thank you to all the supporters of the **Global March for Marrow Kick-Off!** We could not have **beaten our goal of \$30,000** without the teams and individuals spreading the word and fundraising to help patients and families.

Many thanks to our participants, volunteers, fundraising teams, and sponsors! We hope to see everyone in person in 2022, but until then, support your nearest <u>upcoming March for Marrow</u>! Texas: March 27 – April 3 California: April 24 – May 1 Michigan: September 12 New York: September 26 Washington, DC: October 17



Help make this event special -- <u>Sign up</u> to participate in the Virtual **March for Marrow Texas**, 5K Run and Patient and Family Walk, sponsored by MD Anderson Cancer Center!

Gather your friends and family to walk as a team; **everyone is welcome** to participate in the virtual event.

Dates: Saturday, March 27 – Sunday, April 3, 2021 **Location:** Anywhere! You can walk with us in your neighborhood, on a treadmill, or donate and sleep in! **Time:** Kick-Off Event on March 27th at 9:00 AM CST and closing program on April 3 at 9:00 AM CST







Are you looking for others who are dealing with the same issues that you're experiencing? The Virtual Support Groups are for you!

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 <u>HERE</u>. **Together, we are strong!**



Here are the next All-New Webinars for you!

All Times EDT-US

Thursday, March 18, 2021 - 2:00 pm <u>COVID-19 Update: Vaccinations for Bone</u> <u>Marrow Failure Patients</u> Monday, March 22, 2021 - 12:00 pm <u>New Transplant Advances for Patients</u> Friday, April 23, 2021 - 2:00 pm <u>Intimacy and Bone Marrow Failure</u> Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - 2:00 pm <u>Haploidentical Transplant for MDS</u>



Join us for the CURE® Educated Patient® Leukemia Summit on April 17 at 12 pm CT, 1 pm EDT! Individuals of all cancer stages and their caregivers are cordially invited to join this informative half-day virtual event. Connect with the leukemia community online and learn more about cancer care from expert faculty. Learn more & register today!



IMerge is a two-part Phase 2/3 clinical trial of imetelstat in transfusion dependent patients with lower risk MDS who are relapsed after or refractory to erythroid stimulating agents (ESAs). The Phase 3 portion is planned to enroll approximately 170 patients in a randomized (2:1 ratio of imetelstat:placebo), double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial to test the hypothesis that imetelstat improves the rate of red blood cell transfusion independence (TI).

More about this Clinical Trial

About Clinical Trials: How do you discover ones that could help you?

Have you seen this image?

You can find it on the **right side** of this page: <u>https://www.aamds.org/treatments/clinical-</u> <u>trials-all</u>

Match to Clinical Trials in 60 Seconds

- Know your options
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 and developments
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Find out **which clinical trial might help you** by visiting the page, then click on the "Start" button there to search for those available to you.

After you find trials that interest you, **talk with your specialis**t about enrolling!

MDS Update

Here's the latest selected for you:

MDS Patients:

CLINICAL TRIAL OPPORTUNITY: COMMANDS Trial Recruiting Now

https://www.aamds.org/treatments/clinical-trials/commands-phase-3-openlabel-randomized-study-compare-efficacy-and-safety

WEBINAR: Transplant Advances for Patients

Register here: <u>https://www.aamds.org/webinar/new-transplant-advances-patients</u>

NEW RESEARCH: Why It's Important to Understand Your Mutations in MDS/AML: <u>https://www.aamds.org/research-article/germline-mutations-mdsaml-predisposition-disorders</u>

HealthWell Foundation MDS Fund:

https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/fund/myelodysplastic-syndromes/



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