



News Release

Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week will be held March 1-7

AA&MDSIF created Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week to raise awareness about bone marrow failure diseases that are diagnosed in more than 15,000 people each year in the US alone. Tens of thousands people more living with these life threatening diseases around the world.

“We believe that by holding Awareness Week on March 1-7 of each year, we can create a synergy with NORD’s (National Organization on Rare Disorders) National Rare Disease Day activities around the country”, said John Huber, AA&MDSIF Executive Director. “This better calls attention to our specific interests as they are one part of a broader coalition of organizations that support patients and advocate for rare disease research”.

During this special week, AA&MDSIF asks its constituents and supporters in the bone marrow failure disease community to contribute their time to help to make an impact in communities across the country about what these diseases are, how to get help, and what AA&MDSIF can do to support patients and families. AA&MDSIF volunteers and supporters work in many different ways to spread awareness among family and friends, in localities and workplaces, and through online social network communities as well.

Equally important, AA&MDSIF also asks its constituents and supporters to take action that will raise funds to support patient education, research, advocacy and awareness programs across the U.S. and around the world. For more information or to be an ambassador for AA&MDSIF during Aplastic Anemia & MDS Awareness Week –March 1-7, 2013, interested parties please contact Martha Crews at crews@aamds.org

About AA&MDSIF

The Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation (AA&MDSIF) is the world's leading nonprofit health organization dedicated to supporting patients and families living with aplastic anemia, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH), and related bone marrow failure diseases. AA&MDSIF provides answers, support and hope to thousands of patients and their families around the world.

For nearly 30 years, AA&MDSIF has provided nearly 3 million dollars in financial awards to almost 50 researchers for investigation that leads to new insights into the causes and treatment of bone marrow failure disease and the development of new therapeutic approaches.

For further information, contact Martha Crews, AA&MDSIF Community Development Manager at crews@aamds.org, or 301-279-7202 (or 800-747-2820), extension 103.

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