MMRF FastFacts

A monthly e-newsletter

MMRF Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation
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Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a wonderful beginning to 2011!

Our team at the MMRF hit the ground running this new year, more excited than ever to build upon the incredible momentum we reached in 2010 thanks to your donations. We have many exciting programs planned for 2011, some of which you can read about below, but to put them into action, your continued support is critical. Join us in starting the year off right by getting involved with the MMRF today whether at one of our fundraising events or races, by participating in one of our educational programs, or simply by making a donation to fuel our urgent work.

Until then, wishing you and your family health and happiness.

Warm regards,

Kathy Giusti

P.S. We value your feedback – **please let us know what you think.**

Breaking News

MMRF Receives 4-Star Rating for 8th Consecutive Year

Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator, awarded the MMRF with 4-stars, the highest designation for outstanding fiscal responsibility and exceptional efficiency! This is the eighth consecutive year the MMRF has received this coveted designation an honor that only one percent of charities nationwide have earned. **More >**

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MMRC Expands to 16 Member Institutions

The MMRC has expanded its clinical trials network to include Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center (Dallas, TX), Sarah Cannon Research Institute (Nashville, TN) and Virginia Cancer Specialists (Fairfax, VA). These new centers join the 13 existing MMRC Member Institutions in promoting and facilitating collaborative research and accelerating drug development in multiple myeloma. **More >**

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MMRF CEO, COO Present at FasterCures Conference

MMRF Founder and CEO Kathy Giusti and COO Walter Capone were invited speakers at the recent FasterCares conference, Partnering for Cures: Bridging the Chasm between Microscope and Marketplace. Watch Kathy's Innovator Presentation on the MMRF and MMRC's Personalized Medicine Initiative. Watch Walter discuss responsible giving on the panel, Deal-Makers and Deal-Breakers: What to Ask Before Investing.

Kathy's Presentation >
Walter's Presentation >

Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) Honors University of Michigan with 2010 Center of the Year Award

The Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium (MMRC) announced that it has awarded the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center the 2010 MMRC Center of the Year Award. The award was presented to Dr. Andrzej Jakubowiak, the leader of the MMRC clinical research activities at University of Michigan, at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) in Orlando, Fla.

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Research Updates

Multiple myeloma: 2011 update on diagnosis, risk-stratification, and management More >

Rajkumar SV
Am J Hematol. 2011 Jan;86(1):57-65.

Hematology: Bortezomib and dexamethasone induction for multiple myeloma More >

Laubach J, Richardson P
Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2011 Jan;8(1):8-10

Novel agents to improve outcome of allogeneic transplantation for patients with multiple myeloma More >

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Outcome of Patients With IgD and IgM Multiple Myeloma Undergoing Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: A Retrospective CIBMTR Study More >

Reece DE, Vesole DH, Shrestha S, Zhang MJ, Pérez WS, Dispenzieri A, Milone GA, Abidi M, Atkins H, Bashey A, Bredeson CN, Boza WB, Freytes CO, Gale RP, Gajewski JL, Gibson J, Hale GA, Kumar S, Kyle RA, Lazarus HM, McCarthy PL, Pavlovsky S, Roy V, Weisdorf DJ, Wiernik PH, Hari PN
Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2010 Dec 1;10(6):458-63

Clinical Trials

Assessment of Efficacy and Safety of Perifosine, Bortezomib and Dexamethasone in Multiple Myeloma Patients
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Panobinostat or Placebo With Bortezomib and Dexamethasone in Patients With Relapsed Multiple Myeloma
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Phase 3 Study Comparing Carfilzomib, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone (CRd) vs Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone (Rd) in Subjects With Relapsed Multiple Myeloma
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Expert Insights

ASH Teleconference

Dr. S. Vincent Rajkumar and Dr. Donna Reece will recap exciting new data from multiple myeloma trials presented at this year's annual ASH meeting on a live teleconference on January 19, 2011. Register Today!

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MMRF Clinical Insights

Learn about myeloma treatment options. Join us at our upcoming patient education program February 26, 2011, in Los Angeles. For more information or to register **click here**.

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MMRF Benefit Performance

Join the MMRF for an exclusive theatrical performance and cocktail reception on Sunday January 23, 2011 at 7:00pm in New York City. Michael Reinert, a myeloma patient, will be performing his one-man-show "So Tell Me, What Can I Do?" Seating is limited so purchase your tickets today by contacting (203) 652-0215 or **events@themmrf.org**.

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Chicago Awards Dinner

Mark your calendar for Wednesday April 13, 2011 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago for the 10th anniversary MMRF Chicago Awards Dinner. Bob Costas, Broadcaster for NBC Sports and Major League Baseball Network, will serve as our keynote speaker. For more information, email **events@themmrf.org**.

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MMRF Endurance Events

Resolve to Make the Difference in 2011! Participate in a marathon, half marathon, triathlon, cycling event or shorter distance race to support the MMRF. Registration is now open! For more information visit **our website**, or email **Endurance Events**.

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