



Empowering Local Patients to Take Charge Through Support, Resources and Education.

What We Offer

We believe in equal access to the latest research to support better outcomes. We run free monthly programs featuring medical experts, financial advisors, oncological social workers and other specialists about living with myeloma. We provide education about treatment approaches, tips for financial assistance and tools to promote well-being.

Racial Disparities in Multiple Myeloma

Multiple Myeloma is a cancer of the bone marrow plasma cells that represents about 2% of all new cancer cases in the United States. Unfortunately, research shows that myeloma is twice as common and twice as deadly in African Americans than in Caucasian Americans, but when securing access to treatment, African Americans do just as well as Caucasian Americans.

African Americans are also more likely to be diagnosed at a younger age. Often, primary care physicians do not know to test for myeloma when a patient exhibits common symptoms, such as bone pain, fatigue and weakness.

Additionally, African Americans represent a quarter of all people living with MM today, yet they make up only 8% of participants in clinical trials for pioneering cancer treatments. We in the PMMNG hope to play a role in helping to change these statistics by reaching more people of color in our community.

Who We Are

The Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group (PMMNG) was founded in 1995 to provide an ongoing resource for myeloma patients, their families, caregivers and friends.

We serve the rich diversity of the people in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. The PMMNG is known as a safe haven for everyone across race, gender, age, religion, identity and experience.

We offer education, support, shared experiences and hope during our meetings which are held on the second Saturday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00PM. Until further notice, all our meetings will be conducted remotely via Zoom.

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Our members and their families participate in local fundraising efforts to support myeloma research.

For more information, visit Philadelphia.myeloma.org or Facebook.com/PMMNG

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