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## Bing Center for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Newsletter

**April 2010**

Dear Patients & Friends-

The April issue of our newsletter contains a plethora of information focusing on the most recent changes to our Bing Center websites, upcoming Support Group meetings and latest news coming from the Bing Center for WM.

**Last Reminder to register for next weeks Education forum in Las Vegas, NV!**



**Las Vegas, NV Annual Education Forum** will be held April 9-11, 2010. Sessions will include up-to-date information on Waldenström's macroglobulinemia, as well as an "Ask the Doctor" panel on April 11, 2010. If you wish to attend this forum, please go to [www.iwmf.com/Calendar.htm](http://www.iwmf.com/Calendar.htm) to register. You will find the tentative itinerary as well as the link to the hotel, JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa, where the event will be held.

**New England Support Group Meeting** will be held May 2, 2010 at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. A special lecture will be given by Dr Guang Yang from the Bing Center on "*Polymorphisms of FcyRIIA, RcyRIIB, and RcyRIIA and therapeutic response to Rituximab combination Therapy in patients with WM*". Please contact Lynn or Joe Mara at [jmara@nordicgroupusa.com](mailto:jmara@nordicgroupusa.com) or Chris Patterson at [cpatterson1@partners.org](mailto:cpatterson1@partners.org)

**Dallas, TX Support Group Meeting** will be held on May 15, 2010 and Dr Steven Treon will be lecturing on the Updates of WM: Genetics to Therapeutics. For further information about times and location, please contact John Knutson at [johnknutson@tx.rr.com](mailto:johnknutson@tx.rr.com)

**Seattle, WA Support Group Meeting** will be held on May 22, 2010 where Dr Steven Treon will be lecturing on the Updates of WM: Genetics to Therapeutics. For further information about times and location, please contact Malcolm Brewer at [clanbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:clanbrewer@gmail.com)

## **American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2010 Annual Meeting**

The 2010 ASCO Physician Conference is being held on June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Chicago, IL. The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), [www.asco.org](http://www.asco.org), is an annual Conference for Hematologists and Oncologists that offer invaluable benefits, including up-to-date research, therapies, and networking events that allowed physicians to connect with colleagues and interact with leaders in the field in all branches of hematology and oncology, mainly on a clinical level. Overall, the Conference is a great success for the Bing Center for WM. Our six (6) abstract submissions have been accepted and will be presented to over 20,000 medical peers from around the world. Our 2010 ASCO abstracts can be found on our main website at [www.wmprogram.org/NewsEvents](http://www.wmprogram.org/NewsEvents).

For any questions about the abstracts, please feel free to contact Christopher Patterson at [cpatterson1@partners.org](mailto:cpatterson1@partners.org) and we will be happy to direct you to the author of the presentation.



**JUNE 4-8, 2010 | MCCORMICK PLACE | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## WM dedicated Websites:

[www.wmctg.org](http://www.wmctg.org)

This website is devoted to the Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Clinical Trials Group. It is a resource for patients interested in the status of WM-related clinical trials, as well as links to general information about WM to a physician located close to home.

- **Physicians (USA):** List of the 15 USA-based physician members of the WMCTG and their locations.
- **Physicians (Int'l):** List of the 8 international-based physician members of the WMCTG and their locations.
- **Physician Pages:** Photos and biographies of each physician, as well as links to their corresponding institution websites (where available) and contact info. Each physician also has a link to the NIH website (ClinicalTrials.gov) showing their WM-related clinical trials (where applicable).
- **Contact Us:** An online form where comments or questions may be submitted for review by a WMCTG member.
- **Additional Resources:** Links to related websites.


[www.BingCenterforWM.org](http://www.BingCenterforWM.org)

Constant updates are being made to our main Bing Center website in order to keep the content up to date.

- **WM Diagnosis & Therapy:** Treatment recommendations for WM, and abstracts.
- **About Our Program:** Description of the Bing Center, clinic and staff.
- **News & Events:** Announcements for recent and upcoming conferences and support group meetings. All posters from the recent ASH 2009 conference have been posted here.
- **Clinical Trials:** Updates to current and pending clinical trials, and participating institutions.
- **Basic Research:** Updated with our most recent research projects and studies.
- **Publications:** Updated with our most recent abstracts and published papers (i.e. "How I Treat Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia" by Dr. Steven Treon).

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**Dedicated to the Discovery of the Cause and Cure of Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia**

Dr. Steven Treon is the Director of the Bing Center for Waldenström's Research and an attending physician for medical oncology, at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, Massachusetts. He is also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston, and is the Chair of the Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Clinical Trials Group.

After earning a doctorate in tumor immunology from Boston University (BU), Dr. Treon did a postgraduate fellowship in the Department of Microbiology at BU School of Medicine. Dr. Treon received a medical degree from BU School of Medicine and completed an internship in medicine and a residency in internal medicine at BU Medical Center. Dr. Treon also served a clinical fellowship in hematology and oncology at Mass General Hospital and a research fellowship at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School. He received certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1995, and in medical oncology in 1997.

Dr. Treon's main research interests focus on understanding the genetic basis and pathogenesis of [Waldenström's macroglobulinemia](#) and the development of therapeutics for this malignancy. He serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Oncology, Blood, Clinical Cancer Research, and The Lancet. Dr. Treon is a member of several professional societies including the American Medical Association, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, European Society of Hematology and the Massachusetts Medical Society. He has been honored with several research and academic awards from various national and international medical foundations and institutes, including the Robert A. Kyle Award for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia.

[Click this link to download a pdf version of Dr. Treon's CV.](#)

**Featured News Items and Photos**

Over 600 patients and caregivers joined an international faculty of experts during the 3rd **International Patient and Physician Summit** which took place May 1-3, 2009, in Harvard Hall, at the Harvard Club in Boston, MA. Dr. Steve Treon of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute chaired the 3 day event, during which time studies addressing the genetic basis, familial predisposition, pathogenesis, and treatment of Waldenström's macroglobulinemia were presented by 40 faculty members who represented universities and academic centers throughout North America and Europe.

Details of the program including abstracts and slide presentations are now available at [www.wmsummit.org](http://www.wmsummit.org). The 4th **International Summit on WM** will be held March 10-13, 2011 at the Disney Village, Orlando, FL. Details and registration for this event will also be available at [www.wmsummit.org](http://www.wmsummit.org).

The following websites contain valuable information regarding the research and treatment of Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia:

Please visit our main program website: [Bing Center for Waldenström's Research](#). This site contains information on the latest treatment recommendations, abstracts, news and events, current and pending clinical trials and participating institutions, basic research, and publications, as well as photos and brief bios of the Bing Center staff.

Also feel free to visit our [WM Workshop Website](#). Please refer to our most recent conference which was held October 15, 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Karen Lee Sobol addresses the attendees of the Prudential Skywalk Reception at the 3rd International Patient & Physician Summit, May 1-3, 2009 (click the photo to download a copy of the address). Please visit [www.wmsummit.org](http://www.wmsummit.org) for more photos from the Summit.



The official website of Dr. Steven Treon, its main focus is on Dr. Treon's research of WM. Constant updates are made to the Publications and Media sections. The Home page has also been updated with information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Patient-Physician Summit, which was held May 1-3 in Boston.

- **Media:** Galleries of photos in several categories (Bing Center, Conferences, Support Groups). A new "ASH 2009" gallery has been posted here.
- **Papers & Publications:** Papers which Dr. Treon has authored or co-authored, sorted by year of publication. Also includes "featured impact articles".
- **Mailing List:** Patients can sign up to be on Dr. Treon's mailing list, to receive periodic updates (this newsletter, for example), or to change their contact information.
- **Comments:** A public message board, where patients can post messages & comments. Dr. Treon can also reply to specific comments where appropriate.
- **Contact Me:** Patients can send a confidential message to Dr. Treon by filling out & submitting the form on this page.
- **WM Info:** The complete description of Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia. Dr. Treon co-authored this paper with Dr. Giampaolo Merlini. A biography of Dr. Jan Gosta Waldenström is also included.
- **Patient Resources:** Links to our partner groups and organizations.

Welcome to the official website for the **International Workshops on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia**

The International Waldenström's Workshop Organizing Committee Proudly Presents

**The Sixth International Workshop on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia**  
 Venice, Italy  
 October 6-10, 2010




Learn about our upcoming and previous conferences

**Workshop News**

**06.11.09 Venice 2010 Conference Dates & Venue Have Been Selected**

We are pleased to announce that the **Sixth International Workshop on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia** will be held on **October 6-10, 2010**, at the **Alton Hotel, St Mark's, Venice, Italy**. This is one of the premier properties in Venice. Please return to this website, as we will be providing more information, including the conference agenda, as it becomes available.



**10.31.08 Stockholm 2008 Conference Section Has Been Updated**

Abstracts and photos from the **Fifth International Workshop on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia** in Stockholm, Sweden are now available online. Visit the [Stockholm 2008](#) section of our site to

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This website includes the upcoming information for the Sixth International Workshop for WM in Venice, Italy. The Physician conference is being held on October 6-10, 2010 with the IWMF patient-physician forum being held on the final day of the conference. For additional information on the IWMF forum in Venice, Italy, please go to [www.iwmf.com](http://www.iwmf.com)

To research archival information from our previous five workshops (Stockholm 2008, Kos 2007, Paris 2004, Athens 2002, and Washington DC 2000), please visit the website.

The Summit website's main focus is the Patient and Physician Summits on WM, which will be held every two years.

The upcoming 2011 Patient and Physician Summit will be held in Orlando, FL from March 10-13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Registration and details of the event will be posted within the next month.

Currently the content is based on the recent Third International Summit, held on May 1-3, 2009, at the Harvard Club in Boston MA.

[www.wmsummit.org](http://www.wmsummit.org)

- **Faculty:** Photos and biographies of the 27 faculty members who presented at this conference.
- **Abstracts:** Abstracts submitted by the faculty members, on topics to be presented at the conference.
- **Slide Presentations:** The presentations submitted by faculty members, and presented at the conference, organized into photo galleries for easy online viewing.
- **Media Gallery:** Over 200 photos taken at the conference sessions, as well as the Museum of Fine Arts, Prudential Skywalk, and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala events.
- **Sponsors:** A list of sponsors and partners whose unrestricted grants made this conference possible.
- **Order DVDs:** An online order form for the complete set of conference DVDs, which include all sessions, panel discussions, and talks given at the events.
- **Contact Us:** An online form where comments or questions may be submitted to the conference organizers.

[www.iwmf.com](http://www.iwmf.com)



The IWMF, International Waldenström's macroglobulinemia Foundation, is a dedicated non-profit, all-volunteer organization, developed and financed solely by patients and their friends and families. Its mission is to provide information, resources, a communication network, and experience on how to live with WM, plus encouragement to those affected by this rare and incurable blood cancer. For additional information, please contact Sara below.

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## Spring is in the Air!

**(so are pollen, allergies, and all sorts of seasonal annoyances...)**

Now that nature is coming back for a visit, it is very important that everyone keep up with their health in 2010. While Waldenstrom's plays a part in your life, the rest of your body needs attention as well. Please do not forget to visit your primary care physician for your annual check-up as well as the specialized procedures such as mammograms, colonoscopies, prostate cancer screenings, and for those who have a history of cardiac problems in the family, cardiac screenings. It is very important to keep your body, mind, and habits fit and active! Here is a great website that you can look into: [www.familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/healthy/prevention/086.html](http://www.familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/healthy/prevention/086.html)

For allergy issues, here are some very good resource websites:

### **American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology**

[www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org)

### **Local & National Allergy and Pollen Forecast**

[www.pollen.com](http://www.pollen.com)

### **Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America**

[www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

### **Seasonal Allergy Group**

[www.seasonalallergy.org](http://www.seasonalallergy.org)

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Please let us know if you wish to learn more of any particular topics; (therapies, transplants, etc.) and we will be happy to direct you, forward to you, and/or add it to the newsletter as a special topic. Any questions can be sent to [cpatterson1@partners.org](mailto:cpatterson1@partners.org)