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Bing Center for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Newsletter

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Dear patients and friends,

Continuing with our goal to help keep you informed about our latest research efforts here at the Bing Center, this issue of our newsletter focuses on the most recent changes to our Bing Center websites, upcoming Support Group meetings that Dr Steven Treon, MD, PhD will be lecturing at, as well as end of the year information on making contributions and donations to the Bing Center for WM.

The 2009 ASH Physician Conference will be held on December 3 to December 8, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. The American Society of Hematology (ASH) is an annual Conference for Hematologists and Oncologists that offers invaluable benefits, including up-to-date on the latest research, therapies, and networking events that will allow physicians to connect with colleagues and interact with leaders in the field to learn and share updates for all branches of hematology and oncology. We, the Bing Center for WM, have been accepted for 21 abstracts of our work on Waldenström's macroglobulinemia to this Conference. There will be a range of 20,000-30,000 physicians who will be viewing and hearing our work this coming December. Once the Conference has been completed, the abstracts will be available for review in our January 2010 newsletter.

The following IWMF Support Group Meetings in 2010 that Dr Treon will be lecturing at are as follows:

Denver, Colorado Support Group Meeting will be held on February 20, 2010. Please contact Cindy Furst at cindyfurst@msn.com for further information and registration.

Sarasota, Florida Support Group Meeting will be held on March 13, 2010. Please contact Herb Kallman at margerina@aol.com for further information and registration.

Once other confirmations have been finalized, we will update the list in January 2010.

Dr. Robert Kyle's Visit to the Bing Center at DFCI

During the week of October 19, 2009, the Bing Center had the honor of hosting Dr. Robert Kyle, Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, in his visit to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where he spent time with the research and clinical staff, as well as patients. He gave two well-attended lectures on IgM MGUS and Smoldering WM. He also attended clinical and research meetings, and accompanied Dr. Treon on rounds. Here are some photos from his visit.



Dr. Kyle participated in a Bing Center Clinical Meeting where specific case presentations were discussed. He also attended the weekly Lab Meeting, where the Bing Center researchers presented their current projects and latest findings.



Above- Dr. Kyle is joined by members of the Bing Center staff and invited guests at the reception.

Left- Dr. Kyle receiving a token of appreciation at a reception hosted at the home of Dr. Treon and Chris Patterson.

New Website:

www.wmctg.org



This newly launched 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.

- **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.

Recent Website Updates:

www.BingCenterforWM.org



Updates have been made to our main Bing Center website in order to keep the content up to date. Changes have been made to the following sections:

- **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 (Canadian Patient-Physician Conference) and support group meetings (IWMF SF/Bay Support Group).
- **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. 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.

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 for more photos from the Summit.



International Patient & Physician Summit on WM
Prudential Skywalk

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

- **Media:** Galleries of photos in several categories (Bing Center, Conferences, Support Groups)
- **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



Workshop News

Learn about our upcoming and previous conferences

- Stockholm 2008
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- Paris 2004
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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, Society in 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

This website has been updated to include the latest information from the Fifth International Workshop for WM in Stockholm, Sweden. This conference, which was held on October 15-19, 2008, produced over 60 abstracts and posters. Over 100 photos of the sessions and events have been posted to the Media section. There is also information on the IWMF patient forum, which was held on the final day of the conference.

We have also posted information about the venue for the Sixth International Workshop on WM, which will be held October 6-10, 2010 in Venice, Italy.

This website also contains archival information from our previous four workshops (Kos 2007, Paris 2004, Athens 2002, and Washington DC 2000).

www.wmsummit.org

International Patient and Physician Summits on WM

Harvard Club, Boston, MA, May 1-3, 2009

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Welcome to the Third International Patient & Physician Summit on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

Official Website for the International Patient & Physician Summits on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

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Highlighting the three day Summit were presentations offered by Drs. Anders Waldenström and Giampaolo Merlini who recounted the life and contributions of Dr. Jan Ossla Waldenström to the discovery of Waldenström's macroglobulinemia. On the final day of the Summit, six representative cases of WM were presented to the international faculty, who were called on to discuss their approaches to the care of these patients, highlighting the diversity of options now available for the care of patients with WM.

[Click here to download the conference program in PDF format](#)

SAVE THIS DATE!

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 be posted to this website as soon as they become available.

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This recently launched website's main focus is the Patient and Physician Summits on WM, which will be held every two years. Currently the content is based on the recent Third International Summit, held on May 1-3, 2009, at the Harvard Club in Boston MA.

- **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 10th 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.

End of the Year Contributions or Pledge Donors for the Bing Center for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

There are a number of ways to have an impact on the innovative investigations in WM, which have, as their ultimate goal, the development of new and effective treatments for patients as rapidly as possible. A gift of *any* size makes a difference.

Dana-Farber also offers the following naming opportunities for those wishing to make a larger pledge, payable over 3-5 years, unless otherwise noted:

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| \$100,000 - \$5M+ | Research Fund in WM – Makes resources immediately available for innovative investigations, taking them to the "next level." |
| \$150,000+ | Term Fellowship in WM – Enables an outstanding physician-scientist to work in the Bing Center's laboratories for 2 years (Pledge is payable over 2 years). |
| \$1,000,000+ | Endowed Fellowship – Establishes, in perpetuity, a fellowship for the Bing Center's laboratories |

For further information on these and other naming opportunities, please contact Sophia Monaghan in the Development Office at 617 632 4055.

For those wishing to make other types of donations, Company-gift matching, stock donations, or just have a little extra pocket money from the year, please contact Chris Patterson at the Bing Center for WM at 617-632-6285 or email him at cpatterson1@partners.org

!!!! 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

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