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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. We are also announcing a new website devoted to the **Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Clinical Trials Group (WMCTG)**, the most recent meeting of which occurred May 3, 2009 at the Harvard Club in Boston, MA, as part of the 3rd International Patient-Physician Summit.

The WMCTG is comprised of over 20 major cancer centers around the world. Its mission is to maintain active clinical trials year round in an effort to constantly improve our understanding and continue to offer patients the most effective treatments for Waldenström's macroglobulinemia. By maintaining an extensive contingent of collaborating centers, we hope to be better able to enroll patients in our trials without delay. Not only does the WMCTG allow more convenient patient access to treatment, but will also facilitate completion of clinical trials in a more timely manner. For more information, please visit www.wmctg.org.

The following IWMF Support Group Meetings in 2009 that Dr Treon will be attending are as follows:

Southern California Support Group Meeting being held on October 3, 2009. Please contact Marty Glassman at mglassman@cox.net for further information and registration.

The Atlanta, GA Support Group Meeting (with Collaboration of the South Carolina and North Carolina Support Groups) will be held in Atlanta, GA on October 10, 2009. Please contact Mal Roseman at malroseman@comcast.net for further information and registration.

The First Patient-Physician Canadian Conference will be held on October 24, 2009 in Toronto, Canada. This one-day event will feature a faculty of international physicians speaking on Clinicopathological Basis and Pathogenesis, Treatment Options, Novel Treatment Approaches, Transplant Options, and Case Presentations on Waldenström's macroglobulinemia. For more information, including the conference program and online registration form, please visit www.BingCenterforWM.org.

San Francisco/Bay Area & Sacramento IWMF Support Group Meeting being held on November 14, 2009. This meeting will provide an update on the genetic basis, pre-dispositions, and new treatment options in WM, and will be held at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Vallejo, 925 Sereno Drive, Vallejo, CA. For more information, please contact Penni Wisner, penniw@pacbell.net, 415-552-6579.

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 upcoming conferences (i.e. 1st Canadian Patient-Physician Conference & online registration form) and support group meetings.
- **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



Learn about our upcoming and previous conferences

Workshop News

Stockholm 2008 | **Kos 2007** | **Paris 2004** | **Athens 2002** | **Washington 2000**

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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

The screenshot shows the homepage of the website. At the top, it reads "International Patient and Physician Summits on WM" with a navigation menu including "SUMMIT FACULTY", "ABSTRACTS", "SLIDE PRESENTATIONS", "MEDIA GALLERY", "SPONSORS and PARTNERS", and "ORDER DVDS". Below this is a banner for the "Harvard Club, Boston, MA, May 1-3, 2009". The main content area features a "Welcome to the Third International Patient & Physician Summit on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia" section with a circular logo. Text describes the 3rd summit, mentioning 600 patients and caregivers, and lists speakers like Dr. Steve Treon and Dr. Jan Oosta Waldenström. It highlights presentations on genetic basis, familial predisposition, and treatment. A link to download the conference program in PDF format is provided. A "SAVE THIS DATE!" section announces the 4th summit on March 10-13, 2011, at the Disney Village in Orlando, FL. The footer contains copyright information for 2009 and a disclaimer.

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.

!!!! 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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