



RESEARCH: OUR SEARCH FOR A CURE



The IWMF is committed to creating a world without WM by finding a cure. Since 1999, the IWMF has funded over \$16 million in global WM research. All of these funds have come from donations from patients, their families, and friends.

Starting in 2015, the IWMF partnered with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) to sponsor a Strategic Research Roadmap Summit to develop our research strategy. This Summit resulted in agreement to focus WM research in four areas:

- **SIGNALING** - Understand the pathways WM cells use for communication.
- **IMMUNOLOGY/IMMUNOTHERAPY** - Determine how we can use our own immune system to fight WM.
- **TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT** - Understand how the bone marrow/tumor environment affects WM cells.
- **"OMICS"** - Expand our knowledge about genomics, epigenomics, and mutations in WM cells.

The IWMF-LLS Strategic Research Roadmap Initiative provides the framework for a global research program. Under the Roadmap Initiative, the IWMF annually awards new Roadmap research grants. Each project is two years in length, at a cost of up to \$200,000 per year, per project, for a total of \$400,000.

We are excited to continually attract new, expert, senior researchers from around the world who are bringing us closer to finding a cure for WM.



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THE IWMF IS PROUD TO RECEIVE A 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR, THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT RATER OF NON-PROFITS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE IWMF RECEIVED AN OVERALL RATING OF 95.29 AND A PERFECT 100 RATING ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. THIS MEANS YOU CAN DONATE WITH CONFIDENCE.

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A world without WM
(Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia)

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ABOUT THE IWMF


21,000
MEMBERS


80
COUNTRIES


65+
SUPPORT GROUPS
GLOBALLY


45+
RESEARCH
PROJECTS


\$16M
IN RESEARCH



The International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF) is a patient-founded and patient-led, international nonprofit organization with a simple but compelling vision and mission.

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Headquartered in Sarasota, FL, the IWFM has international affiliates on five continents and serves everyone affected by WM across the globe. Founded in 1994 with only 21 patients, we are proud that today more than 21,000 people in over 80 countries look to the IWFM for information, education, and support.

ABOUT WM AND LPL

Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (WM) is a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, or cancer of the blood. Ninety-five percent of all lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma (LPL) is WM. WM is a rare cancer seen only in approximately three to five per million people per year, with about 1,500 new cases diagnosed in the US each year.

Although WM is currently incurable, patients are living longer and enjoying higher-quality lives with deeper remissions and fewer side effects due, in part, to critical research funded by the IWFM.



LIVING WITH WM: YOU ARE NEVER ALONE WITH THE IWMF!

Although WM is a rare disease, with the IWFM, **you are never alone.** We provide educational and support services, so patients understand WM and can get support from fellow WM patients who share their same rare diagnosis. Publications are available in multiple languages* and our website reaches global patients in more than 100 languages. All IWFM services are absolutely free, with the exception of the annual two-day educational forum. **Among our services are:**

- 👉 The IWFM website, IWFM.COM, provides up-to-date information about WM, direct access to all of our free member services, and multiple ways to connect to the WM community.
- 📁 **INFO PAKs** for newly diagnosed are packages of information designed especially for those who are learning about WM for the first time. Each INFO PAK includes IWFM publications and videos to help newly diagnosed patients and their caregivers understand WM, learn how to treat it, and live with it.*
- 👥 US and international **SUPPORT GROUPS.** Over 65 support groups throughout the world enable patients and caregivers to meet in person face to face, to learn from expert guest speakers, share information, create lasting bonds, and connect with the local WM community close to home.
- 📞 US-based **LIFELINE** is a telephone and email support service offered by volunteer WM patients and caregivers. These peer mentors share their experiences to help others navigate their WM journey.
- 💡 **IWMF CONNECT** is an online group discussion forum. Available 24/7, it allows patients and caregivers to ask questions and get answers from fellow patients and caregivers.
- 🗣️ **IWMF NEWS**, information, and videos on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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📖 PUBLICATIONS

about WM feature a series of booklets, treatment options guides, and fact sheets that can be downloaded for free from IWFM.COM in multiple languages.*

- 📖 The **IWMF TORCH** quarterly magazine is available online and in print. Each issue keeps members informed about WM progress, research activities, treatments, IWFM events and programs, nutrition, mental health, and more.
- 🗣️ The **IWMF EDUCATIONAL FORUM** is a unique annual opportunity for patients and caregivers to come together to learn about WM from world-renowned specialists. Speakers are carefully selected for their ability to explain WM in terms that laypeople understand. Presentations are recorded and made available on the IWFM website. This information-packed weekend event is held at different locations across the US.
- 📧 IWFM **eNEWS** delivers timely "need to know" information to our members' email inboxes about WM and the IWFM.
- 🗺️ **WORLDWIDE DIRECTORY OF WM PHYSICIANS** catalogs well-known cancer centers and physicians/researchers who are experts in WM. All physicians included in our **PHYSICIANS DIRECTORY** have agreed to be available for consultation and second opinions to patients, as well as other physicians.
- 📖 **STORIES OF HOPE.** Living with a rare cancer may make some patients feel like they are all alone. But you are not alone! Many WM patients have shared their interesting and inspiring stories with us so we can share them with you.

Please visit the IWFM website at IWFM.COM, email us at INFO@IWFM.COM, or call our friendly office at **941-927-4963**. We're here to help and we hope that you will reach out!



*Most available in English, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), French, German, Italian, Norwegian, and Spanish.