

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL LEIOMYOSARCOMA FOUNDATION-

Our Mission is to INFORM-INSPIRE-EMPOWER through
EDUCATION/ADVOCACY/RESEARCH



Hello, my name is Mitch Achee, MD, an LMS survivor of over 9 years, and I am a proud Board Member of the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation and the International Leiomyosarcoma Research Roundtable initiative.

You have arrived at the Foundation's website, which is Your Website Compass – three Foundation websites have been established for you - to address the various phases of the diagnosis, treatment, and after treatment journey. You will find a vast amount of resource assistance and support for patients and caregivers. But the most important message is to be diligent in finding a sarcoma specialist to help you - and a list of sarcoma centers of excellence is within this website.

The other two websites are:

Leiomyosarcom.info contains research article updates, clinical trial information, how you can be involved in helping researchers with patient data for their research efforts. Also, Information about the LMS International Research Roundtable, the signature initiative of the NLMSF, along with information about the Cancer Cell Line Project- a patient-driven tumor tissue donation program to impact global research efforts. There are interviews with some of the sarcoma research clinicians that are world renowned.

The third website is **NLMSFlifechange.com** – a website for living a “A New Normal” and contains well-being and resource tools to rebuild quality of life during and after treatment.

The Foundation is here for you 24/7 - Dial 303 808-3437 and you will find support on the other end of the line – immediate access from a caring team that will make all the difference in getting through the challenge.

Realizing the courage, hope, resilience, and strength needed through treatment, and to reach success in survivorship is your goal, and the Foundation’s goal for you, never wanting you to doubt your inner strength and resolve for survivorship. Trusting in ourselves to get through challenging times is what guides us all.

I am a survivor of LMS . . .and I am with you in this - all the way - because we can Achieve More Together as we continue Reaching for the Cure. Visiting the Foundation’s websites, joining the NLMSF Family Facebook is a way for us better know that Together- We ALL have what it takes to HELP each other.”

We are the first and only Foundation to launch an LMS Research Roundtable, of 66 research clinicians, pathologists, surgeons, academicians to unlock the difficulties and challenges of LMS, with four workgroups within the Roundtable addressing the most important aspects of this disease.

This Foundation is the first and only Foundation to launch a Patient-Caregiver Advocacy Network Roundtable – a patient-driven initiative – to bring voices that matter together to impact the standard of care for the future, whose perspectives are carried to many meetings and conferences attended by the Foundation on your behalf. We have access to the FDA for telemeetings for our Patient-Caregiver Advocacy Network Roundtable - to ask questions and get answers.

You have reached a very proactive, visionary, resourceful Foundation in the NLMSF, founded by patients and families in 1997, and run by volunteers who have all been touched by LMS just like me - all Working Hard For You 24/7 and accessible at all times.

“WE ALL HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO HELP EACH OTHER!”

This message is conveyed on behalf of Annie Achee, President of the Foundation and the entire National Leiomyosarcoma Team - **THANK YOU ALL!**