

# IWMF Member Services


Information, Education, and Support

WM Patients and Caregivers  
Worldwide

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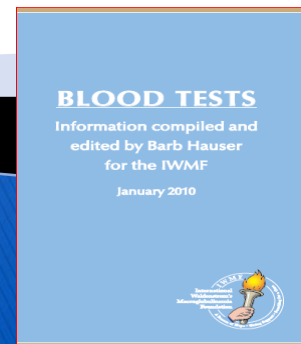
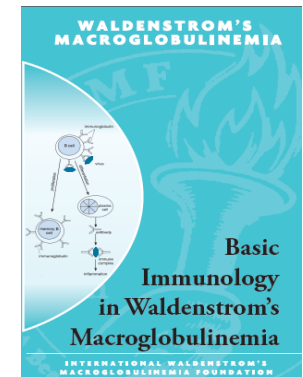
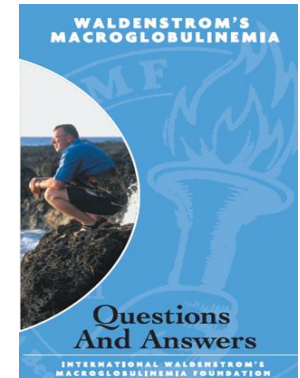
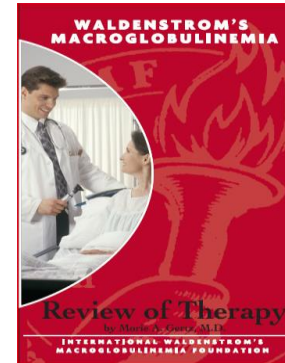
- ▶ 1994 WM Support Group started by Arnie Smokler with 21 members
  - ▶ 1995 125 members; monthly newsletter initiated
  - ▶ 1996 1<sup>st</sup> WMSG Ed Forum – 75 attendees
  - ▶ 1997 2<sup>nd</sup> WMSG Ed Forum – 200 attendees  
10 Support Groups in US; 1 in UK
  - ▶ 1999 WMSG becomes IWMF
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- ▶ 2015 Over 7000 members in 70 countries;
    - Affiliates in Australia, Canada, Europe, Taiwan, and South America

# IWMF's Focus on Education

- ▶ Annual Educational Forum in US
- ▶ Bi-Annual International Doctor-Patient Forum
- ▶ IWMF website – [www.iwmf.com](http://www.iwmf.com)
  - All languages
  - From laptop, tablet, smartphone
- ▶ Facebook and Twitter – alerts and news
- ▶ IWMF quarterly newsletter – the *Torch*

# IWMF's Focus on Education

- ▶ Review of Therapy
- ▶ Questions and Answers
- ▶ Treatment Options
- ▶ Basic Immunology
- ▶ Blood Tests
- ▶ Treatment Fact Sheets
- ▶ In English, and many in French and Spanish



# IWMF's Focus on Support

- ▶ **Support Groups:**
  - US – 41 and 6 Regional Contacts
  - International – 22 and 6 Regional Contacts
- ▶ **Lifeline** : one-on-one phone and email support
  - over 60 volunteers; 47 topics
  - US and International
- ▶ **Physicians Directory:** Physicians with WM expertise for consultation and second opinion
- ▶ **IWMF-Talk:** online group discussion forum with over 1900 members; other online forums in Australia, France, Italy, and the UK with over 400 members

# IWMF Member Services

- ▶ All services planned and delivered by volunteers
- ▶ Leverage your unique talents to help us fulfill our mission
- ▶ You can volunteer for as few or many hours as you'd like
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