

Dear Friend,

We are pleased to provide you with this Info Pak created specifically to help you better understand Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (WM) and the support available to you from the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF).

The International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF) is a patient-founded and volunteer-driven non-profit organization whose mission is to *support and educate everyone affected by Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia to improve patient outcomes while advancing the search for a cure*. It is the only organization devoted exclusively to patients with WM and their caregivers.

Established in 1998, the IWMF has grown from a handful of patients to more than 15,500 community members worldwide, with support groups and Affiliate organizations on virtually every continent. We have funded over \$30 million in research; we have stimulated government and National Cancer Institute programs; and we have dramatically raised awareness of this rare disease.

The information contained in our Info Pak is intended to provide you with a better understanding of WM, including its symptoms, treatment options, and side effects. Also included is information on how to access our network of support services. All of the information in the Info Pak – including booklets, fact sheets, selected IWMF *Torch* articles and videos on WM – is available on our website, www.iwmf.com. If you have difficulty accessing the content, please call the IWMF office at 941-927-4963 or send an e-mail to office@iwmf.com.

The IWMF website contains a wealth of information about our disease and the support we provide, including downloadable publications, a network of Support Groups, and Stories of Hope from others who are traveling the same road. Videos of presentations from our annual IWMF Educational Forums held in the US and Europe can be found in the Multimedia section of the website. Our quarterly magazine, the IWMF *Torch*, offers news and feature stories of interest to WM patients and their caregivers. Our email News (e-News) keep you updated on WM and the IWMF. Additionally, our online forums, IWMF Connect & Facebook, and the online forums of our Affiliates connect you to IWMF members around the world who understand and share experiences. Our telephone/email support line, Lifeline, enables you to connect one-on-one with other WM patients and caregivers who have agreed to share their experiences on specific WM topics. If you should need a second opinion consultation for WM, we have a Physicians Directory of worldwide experts in WM.

Once you've reviewed the resources in this Info Pak and you've looked at our website, we urge you to take the next step in your journey with WM and Join the IWMF community. And, while joining is free, please also consider active participation in the IWMF. The IWMF does not receive any government funding, and almost all of our funding comes from individuals like you. Your donation will ensure that we continue to support everyone with WM and also continue to fund the much-needed research to find a cure for our disease. As a US 501(c)(3) organization, gifts are tax deductible in the US.

We thank you for your interest and your support, and we offer our best wishes for a long and happy life. Remember, with the IWMF you are never alone. We are always here to provide you with education, support, and research towards a cure.



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