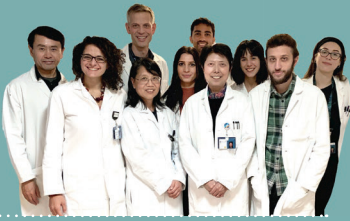




## RESEARCH: OUR SEARCH FOR A CURE



IWMF is committed to creating a world without WM by finding a cure. Since 2000, IWMF has funded more than \$30 million USD in global WM research, made possible by generous individual and corporate gifts.

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

- **CELL BIOLOGY** – cell signaling; therapeutic interruptions
- **T-CELL BASED THERAPEUTICS** – enhance immune system
- **BONE MARROW MICROENVIRONMENT** – cell dependencies? Therapeutic blocks
- **GENOMICS** – genetics behind WM evolution + drug resistance
- **PROTEOMICS** – study of IgM protein; role in WM complications

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 funded up to \$480,000 over two years.

Beginning in 2021, IWMF provided funding for young investigators to support career development of next-generation researchers for WM. These grants are for \$157,500 over two years.

Beginning in 2022, IWMF established a new Research Seed Money Initiative. These grants are intended to give investigators around the world the chance to define objectives and test pilot hypotheses in preparation for larger grant applications through the IWMF/LLS Strategic Research Roadmap Initiative. Each grant is for a total of \$90,000 over one year.



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IWMF is proud to receive a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest independent rater of non-profits in the United States.

### **YOU CAN INVEST WITH CONFIDENCE**

IWMF received an overall rating of 95.47 and a perfect 100 rating on accountability and transparency.

### OUR VISION:

A world without WM

### OUR MISSION:

Support and educate everyone affected by WM to improve patient outcomes while advancing the search for a cure.

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# IMAGINE...

A WORLD WITHOUT WM  
(Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia)



International Waldenstrom's  
Macroglobulinemia Foundation

  
**21,000+**  
COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS

  
**90+**  
COUNTRIES

  
**70+**  
SUPPORT  
GROUPS  
GLOBALLY

  
**100+**  
RESEARCH  
PROJECTS

  
**\$23M+**  
IN RESEARCH



## ABOUT IWMF

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

**OUR VISION:** A world without Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia

**OUR MISSION:** Support and educate everyone affected by WM while advancing the search for a cure.

Headquartered in Sarasota, FL, IWMF has international affiliates on five continents and serves people 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 90 countries look to IWMF for information, education, and support.

## ABOUT WM AND LPL

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 IWMF.

## LIVING with WM: You are never alone with IWMF!

Although WM is a rare disease, with IWMF, you are never alone. We provide educational, wellness, and support programs, so patients understand WM and can get support from fellow patients with WM who share their same rare diagnosis. Publications are available in multiple languages and our website reaches a global audience. All the following IWMF programs are free, with the exception of the annual two-day educational forum.

- 👉 **IWMF.COM**, the IWMF website, provides up-to-date information about WM, direct access to all of our programs, and multiple ways to connect to the WM community.
- 📁 **INFO PAKS** for newly diagnosed patients provide information designed especially for those who are learning about WM for the first time. Each INFO PAK includes IWMF publications to help newly diagnosed patients and their caregivers understand WM, learn how to treat it, and live with it.
- 👥 **SUPPORT GROUPS** enable patients and caregivers to meet in person or virtually, to learn from expert guest speakers, share information, create lasting bonds, and connect with the local WM community close to home. IWMF hosts more than 70 US and international support groups.
- 📞 **LIFELINE** is a telephone and email support program offered by volunteers with WM and their 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** provides information, and videos on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube.
- 🌱 **IWMF WELLNESS PROGRAM** was established in 2023 to strive to help WM patients and care partners thrive with a plethora of free wellness classes and webinars.



### 📖 PUBLICATIONS

about WM feature a series of booklets, treatment options guides, and fact sheets that can be downloaded in multiple languages for free at [IWMF.COM](http://IWMF.COM).

🔥 **IWMF TORCH** quarterly magazine is available online and in print. Each issue keeps IWMF community members informed about WM progress, research activities, treatments, events and programs, wellness, and more.

🎓 **IWMF EDUCATIONAL FORUM** is a unique annual opportunity for patients and caregivers to come together, in person or virtually, to learn about WM from world-renowned specialists. Presentations are recorded and made available on the IWMF website. This information-packed event is held at different locations each year across the US.

✉️ **WALDENSTROM'S WEEKLY** delivers timely "need to know" information to our community members' email inboxes about WM and IWMF.

🗺️ **WORLDWIDE DIRECTORY OF WM PHYSICIANS** is a list of 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** remind you that you are not alone! Living with a rare cancer may make some individuals feel like they are all alone. Many patients with WM have shared their interesting and inspiring stories with us so we can share them with you.

Please visit the IWMF website at [IWMF.COM](http://IWMF.COM), email us at [INFO@IWMF.COM](mailto:INFO@IWMF.COM), or call our friendly office at **941-927-4963**.

We're here to help, and we hope that you will reach out!

