

# PROGRESS IN THE TREATMENT OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME (MDS)

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## A CancerCare Connect® Education Workshop

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## SPEAKERS

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Our workshops are open to national and international clients and pre-registration is via our website [www.cancercare.org/connect](http://www.cancercare.org/connect)

## DATE

**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 FROM 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET**

## TOPICS:

- Discussion of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), in the Context of Infectious Diseases
- Diagnosis, Staging & Current Standard of Care
- The Role of Hematopathology Examination of a Sample of Your Bone Marrow in Making a Definitive Diagnosis of MDS
- New & Emerging Treatment Approaches
- The Role of Clinical Trials: How Research Increases Your Treatment Options
- Tips to Manage Symptoms, Treatment Side Effects, Discomfort, Pain & Quality-of-Life Concerns
- Nutrition & Hydration Concerns & Tips
- Key Questions to Ask Your Health Care Team During Telehealth Appointments
- Guidelines to Prepare for Telehealth Appointments, Including Technology, Prepared List of Questions & Discussion of OpenNotes
- Next Step After Treatment, Including Follow-Up Care in Collaboration with Your Primary Care Doctor & Team
- Questions for Our Panel of Experts

**For more information or to register, please contact our Hopeline at 800-813-HOPE (4673) or register online at [www.cancercare.org/connect](http://www.cancercare.org/connect)**

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## What is a CancerCare Connect® Education Workshop?

CancerCare Connect® Education Workshops are a cost-free way to learn about cancer-related issues from the convenience of your home or office. Leading experts in oncology provide the most up-to-date information on the telephone and online.

### How do I participate?

You can listen to this workshop on the telephone or via live streaming through the Internet. Participation is free.

### How do I register?

There are two ways to register:

- Call **800-813-HOPE (4673)**
- Register online at **[www.cancercare.org/connect](http://www.cancercare.org/connect)**

After you have registered, you will receive additional information.

CancerCare is pleased to collaborate with these organizations:

#### **MDS Foundation, Inc.**

[www.mds-foundation.org](http://www.mds-foundation.org); 1-(800)-637-0839

#### **Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology (APSHO)**

[www.apsho.org](http://www.apsho.org)

#### **American Cancer Society**

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org); 1-800-227-2345

#### **American Psychosocial Oncology Society**

[www.apos-society.org](http://www.apos-society.org)

#### **American Society of Clinical Oncology**

[www.asco.org](http://www.asco.org)

#### **Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation**

[www.aamds.org](http://www.aamds.org); 1-800-747-2820

#### **Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)**

[outreach.amp.org](http://outreach.amp.org); 1-301-634-7939

#### **Association of Clinicians for the Underserved**

[www.clinicians.org](http://www.clinicians.org); 1-844-422-8247

#### **Association of Oncology Social Work**

[www.aosw.org](http://www.aosw.org); 1-847-686-2233

#### **Black Women's Health Imperative**

[www.bwhi.org](http://www.bwhi.org); 1-202-548-4000

#### **Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network**

[www.bmtinfonet.org](http://www.bmtinfonet.org); 1-888-597-7674

#### **Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation**

[www.bonemarrow.org](http://www.bonemarrow.org); 1-800-365-1336

#### **Cancer Justice**

<https://thedric.org/>; 866-843-2572

#### **Cancer Patient Education Network**

[www.cancerpatienteducation.org](http://www.cancerpatienteducation.org)

#### **Cancer Support Community**

[www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org); 1-888-793-9355

#### **Caregiver Action Network**

[www.caregiveraction.org](http://www.caregiveraction.org)

#### **DKMS**

[www.dkms.org](http://www.dkms.org); 1-212-209-6700

#### **Intercultural Cancer Council**

[www.interculturalcancercouncil.org](http://www.interculturalcancercouncil.org)

#### **Joe's House – A Lodging Guide for Cancer Patients**

[www.joeshouse.org](http://www.joeshouse.org); 1-877-563-7468

#### **Latinas Contra Cancer**

[www.latinascontracancer.org](http://www.latinascontracancer.org); 1-408-280-0811

#### **The LGBT Cancer Project**

[www.lgbtcancer.org](http://www.lgbtcancer.org)

#### **LIVESTRONG Foundation**

[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org); 1-855-220-7777

#### **The MDS Alliance**

[www.mds-alliance.org](http://www.mds-alliance.org); 1-301-279-7202

#### **Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer**

[www.mascc.org](http://www.mascc.org)

#### **National Association of Social Workers**

[www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org); 1-202-408-8600

#### **National Center for Frontier Communities**

[www.frontierus.org](http://www.frontierus.org); 1-575-534-0101

#### **National Bone Marrow Transplant Link**

[www.nbmtlink.org](http://www.nbmtlink.org); 1-800-LINK-BMT (1-800-546-5268)

#### **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org); 1-877-NCCS-YES (1-877-622-7937)

#### **National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) –**

**NCCN Guidelines for Patients®**

[www.nccn.org/patients](http://www.nccn.org/patients)

#### **NeedyMeds**

[www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org); 1-800-503-6897

#### **NMDP™ Patient Support Center**

[www.nmdp.org/one-on-one](http://www.nmdp.org/one-on-one); 1-888-999-6743

#### **Prevent Cancer Foundation®**

[www.preventcancer.org](http://www.preventcancer.org); 1-800-227-2732

#### **Redes en Acción: The National Latino Cancer**

**Research Network at UT Health San Antonio**

[www.redesenaccion.com](http://www.redesenaccion.com); 1-210-562-6500

#### **Research Advocacy Network**

[www.researchadvocacy.org](http://www.researchadvocacy.org); 1-877-276-2187

#### **Scott Hamilton CARES Foundation**

[www.scottcares.org](http://www.scottcares.org)

#### **Triage Cancer**

[www.triagecancer.org](http://www.triagecancer.org); 1-424-258-4628

#### **Vital Options International**

[www.vitaloptions.org](http://www.vitaloptions.org)

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## Continuing Education Credits (Live Only)

**Social Workers:** This program has been submitted to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, an approved provider through the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, provider #CS4607, for 1.0 Contact Hour.

Cancer Care, Inc. is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0088. This workshop is approved for 1.0 Contact Hour.

**Registered Dietitians:** This program has been submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration for one Continuing Professional Education Unit (CPEU).

**To request continuing education paperwork, please email your name, profession, and address to [connect@cancercare.org](mailto:connect@cancercare.org) after the program. All paperwork for continuing education credit must be requested, completed, and submitted within two weeks of the live program.**

## About Us

Founded in 1944, CancerCare is the leading national organization providing free support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical and financial challenges of cancer. Our comprehensive services include resource navigation, counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by master's-prepared oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

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