



Dear Patients, Families and Friends of the IWMF Waldenstrom's Chicago Area Support Group,

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Steve Treon as our guest speaker in June. Many of you already know that he is very special to our rare disease both from a research and a patient perspective. There is so much happening between research and new Waldenstrom's treatments, the timing couldn't be better. Dr. Treon was very involved with the FDA approval of Imbruvica/Ibrutinib.

Please save the date for our first 2017 meeting which will be held on **Saturday, June 10 at 12:30 p.m. at a NEW meeting place, the Oak Room, of the relatively new Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in Elmhurst, IL** located on the corner of York Road and Roosevelt Road in the western suburbs of Chicago. As many of you know, Dr. Treon is an internationally known Waldenstrom's researcher, clinical doctor and speaker practicing at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. No one has spent more time dedicated to our rare disease than Dr. Treon. He last spoke to our group in 2008 and I believe still holds the record for attendance. He also speaks regularly at the IWMF annual Educational Forum.

Please consider inviting your WM Oncologist to our meeting and **make sure you let me know** if he or she agrees to come. Assuming he/she has significant experience with WM, I would like to see if they are willing to participate in the Q & A scheduled from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Minimally, the doctors would get a chance to meet Dr. Treon during the break or after the meeting. Also, I plan on introducing any WM doctor that attends.

Meeting Agenda

- 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. **Announcements and Introduction of New Members**
- 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **Dr. Steve Treon's Presentation with Q & A**
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. **Break with Snacks and Fellowship**
- 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. **Open discussion regarding patient experiences**
- 3:45 to 4:00 p.m. **Wrap-up**

New Location Directions Forthcoming:

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital (Oak Room on the Lower Level)

155 E. Brush Hill Road

Elmhurst, IL 60126

331-221-1000

<https://www.eehealth.org/locations/elmhurst/elmhurst-hospital-main-campus>

The program committee is looking forward to another special time of sharing and learning. ***Please respond as soon as possible (if you haven't already) to Don Brown*** (reply to sender of this email or call Don or Mary Brown) if you are planning to attend.

Our best wishes to all and good health,

Don Brown - CASG Leader (630-323-5894)

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