

THE INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

You are invited to attend a breakfast briefing on **Why Investment in Biomedical Research is Necessary: A Case Study on Myeloma**

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Room B-340, Rayburn House Office Building

Each year, more than 20,000 Americans are diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a rare cancer affecting the plasma cells of the bone marrow. Approximately, 750,000 people worldwide are currently battling myeloma and its prevalence is increasing. In the past, myeloma mostly affected the elderly; but today, we're seeing an increase in incidence among those younger than 65 years of age. African Americans are twice as likely to get myeloma and also twice as likely to die from the disease as Caucasian Americans, but scientists don't yet understand the cause behind this disparity. Although there is no cure for myeloma, treatment advances have extended overall survival from just a few years to 5–10 years. Indeed, this is progress, but we need to do more research to understand this cancer and how best to treat this disease.



The International Myeloma Foundation, the world's oldest and largest organization devoted solely to multiple myeloma, invites you to a briefing on October 25th at 9:00 AM. You will receive the latest updates in myeloma research and how advances in biomedical research are resulting in more effective and innovative treatments for patients battling myeloma. Our briefing will highlight the importance of continued investment in biomedical research, not only to ensure that the United States and the NIH remain world leaders in science and medicine, but also to improve the lives of millions of patients around the globe.

Agenda:

9:00 AM **Welcome and Introduction**

Arin Assero, International Myeloma Foundation

9:05 AM **Remarks by Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA)**

9:15 AM **Advances in Myeloma Research**

C. Ola Landgren, MD, PhD, National Cancer Institute

9:30 AM **Panel Discussion: Living with Myeloma**

Thanks to Next Generation Treatments

Barbara Klencke, MD, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Michael Katz, MBA, Patient Advocate & Member, IMF Board of Directors

9:50 AM **Questions and answers with all speakers**

Please RSVP to Jennifer Leib at jleib@dc-crd.com or (202) 484-1100.

This event complies with all ethics and gift rules.