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ARIZONA MYELOMA NETWORK HOSTS 9TH ANNUAL LIVING WITH MYELOMA CONFERENCE

Partnering with the Cure Corridor brings top experts

GLENDAL, AZ – March 11, 2015 - The Arizona Myeloma Network (AZMN) will be hosting its 9th annual “Living with Myeloma” Conference on **Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** The **free** conference will be held at the Chaparral Suites Ballroom located at 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250.

The conference is regional and is open to all patients, caregivers, family, friends, health care providers, cancer researchers and the business community. Registration is available online at <http://azmyelomanetwork.org/what/2015confreg.html>, and onsite registration is also available at the conference from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and **5.75 CME** credits will be available to medical and healthcare professionals.

Each year, over 300 participants attend the dynamic “Living with Myeloma” Conference, which provides cutting edge information about the latest myeloma research and the newest and most exciting therapies for myeloma cancer patients. This year’s conference highlights a partnership with the Cure Corridor and a Welcome by Jim Lane, the Mayor of Scottsdale and leader of the Scottsdale Cure Corridor.

“We are excited to be partnering with the Cure Corridor to bring a wealth of information and support resources to patients and families,” says Barbara Kavanagh, Founder and President of the Arizona Myeloma Network. “Our myeloma conferences continue to be a place for those affected by myeloma to learn about this rare form of blood cancer and feel less alone.”

“There have been tremendous advances in the study and treatment of myeloma over the course of the past decade. I am pleased to share the latest treatment and clinical trial options with participants of the Arizona Myeloma Network conference,” said Rafael Fonseca, M.D., hematologist and Chair, Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, who will be a featured speaker at the conference.

The medical faculty for the conference includes Dr. Robert Kyle, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Dr. Frits Van Rhee, the Myeloma Institute for Research and Treatment, University of Arkansas; Dr. Rafael Fonseca, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ; Dr. Javier Munoz, Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center; & Dr. Clarence Adoo, AZ Center for Cancer Care. Other participants include researchers and healthcare professionals from Scottsdale Health Care, TGEN, and Dignity Health, as well as other leading cancer groups and resources.

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“Successfully taking great challenges begins with assembling a great team,” shared AZBio President and CEO, Joan Koerber-Walker. “AzMN will again gather the team this year as myeloma/oncology researchers and clinicians, medical educators and students, cancer organizations, insurance and pharmaceutical representatives, and community oncologists, come together to share ideas on how we can all work on behalf of myeloma patients and their caregivers. Conversations lead to collaborations and collaborations can lead to cures. AZBio is honored to support the AzMN in this important effort.”

About Arizona Myeloma Network

Myeloma is a complex and often misdiagnosed cancer of bone marrow plasma cells that attacks and destroys the bone. Founded in 2004, the Arizona Myeloma Network (AZMN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization that conducts outreach events and education programs, with special consideration for the underserved African-American, Asian-Pacific, Hispanic and Native American populations. Volunteers and donations are always welcomed – see www.azmyelomanetwork.org.

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