

Discussion Board members,

Your discussions over the past ten years have been incredibly valuable and supportive, and we know moves aren't easy. On behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, we want to make this transition as easy as possible for you, so that you can continue to have the same impactful conversations on LLS Community that you had on the Discussion Boards.

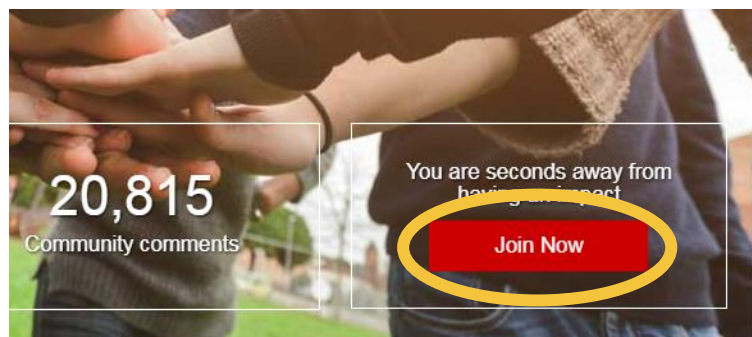
We want to go over a few easy steps to help you get started on LLS Community, if you are not already a member. After some exploration, you will find that LLS Community is a positive place for learning and connection.

## 1. Steps to Join

The first step is to go to [lls.org/community](https://lls.org/community) on your browser.

Then, click "Join Now." From here, you'll be taken to our registration page.

We recommend that you use the same display name you used on the Discussion Boards so you can find your friends easily. Your display name does not need to be your actual name.



Fill out the rest of the information on the form. Rest assured that you can adjust your privacy settings so that only LLS staff sees your name, email, and date of birth.

Click Register.

## 2. Your Home Page

Once you have registered, this is how your home page will appear.

The screenshot displays the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website home page. At the top left is the logo for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with the tagline "someday is today" and "fighting blood cancers". At the top right are navigation links for "Home", "Articles", and "Groups".

The main content area features a "Question of the Day" section with a calendar icon. The question is dated "Jan 29" and asks, "Do you have another family member with a chronic illness within your household?". It includes radio button options for "Yes", "No", and "Not applicable", and a yellow button labeled "ANSWER AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION". Below the question, it shows "0 Comments".

Below the question is a text input field with a speech bubble icon and the placeholder text "What's on your mind?".

A navigation bar below the input field has tabs for "All", "Articles", "Questions", and "Posts".

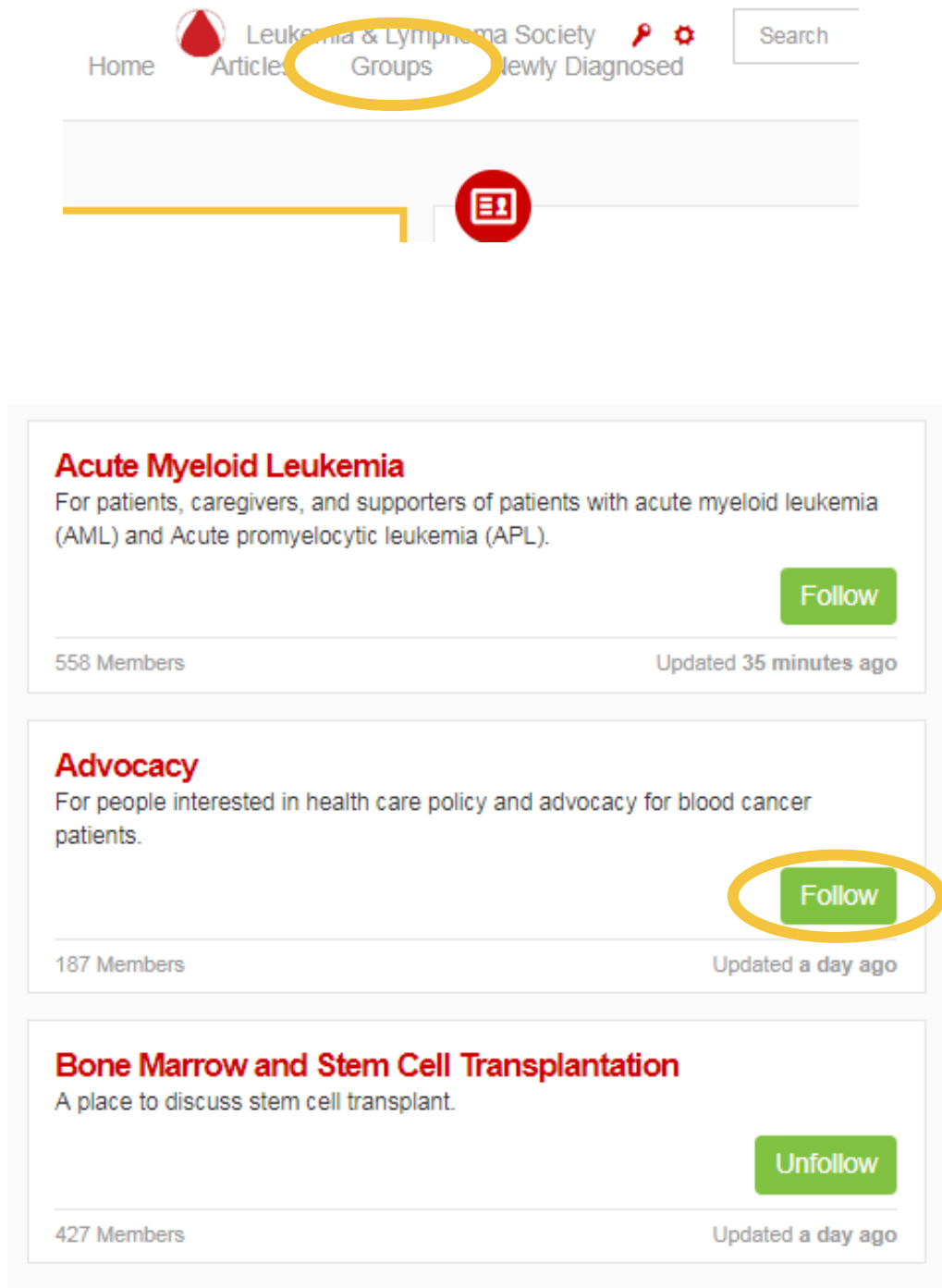
Underneath is a "Customize what you see here" link. The feed shows two posts:

- A post by "KMom3" from "a day ago" asking, "Recently diagnosed with Mycosis Fungoides. Anyone else have this blood cancer that experienced treatment?". It has "0 Comments".
- A post by "Annette" from "10 days ago" with the title "WELCOME TO LLS COMMUNITY! INTRODUCE YOURSELF." The text reads: "Hello, My name is Annette. I am 67 years old. I have had Multiple Myeloma for 8 years. I was diagnosed in 2010 with MGUS and didn't have any real symptoms till 2013. I had kytoplasty at that time to fix fractures in lower back. I have tried many Chemo drugs and none worked for me until Pomalyst. Then my numbers drop substantially. I have had stem cell transplant in 2014 and am now in remission. Hoping to stay that way as long as possible." It has "5 Comments".

You will see a *question of the day* that you can answer if you like, posts from other patients and caregivers, and educational articles and videos related to your diagnosis. You will automatically be placed in a “group” corresponding to your diagnosis.

But let's say you want to see more on your homepage...

Follow the groups that you're interested in. Once you do, the discussion in that group will appear on your home page.



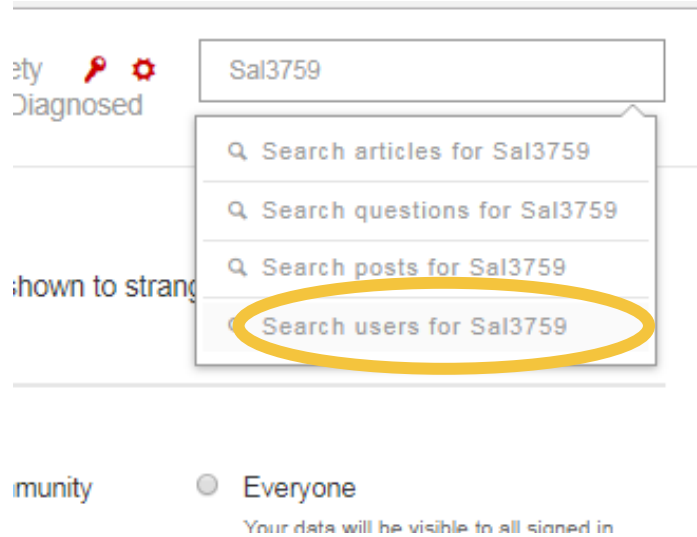
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website. The navigation tabs are: Home, Articles, **Groups** (circled in yellow), and Newly Diagnosed. A search box is located to the right of the navigation tabs. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal bar with a red notification icon (a white envelope) circled in yellow.

The main content area displays three group cards:

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia**  
For patients, caregivers, and supporters of patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL).  
558 Members Updated 35 minutes ago  
Follow
- Advocacy**  
For people interested in health care policy and advocacy for blood cancer patients.  
187 Members Updated a day ago  
Follow (circled in yellow)
- Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation**  
A place to discuss stem cell transplant.  
427 Members Updated a day ago  
Unfollow

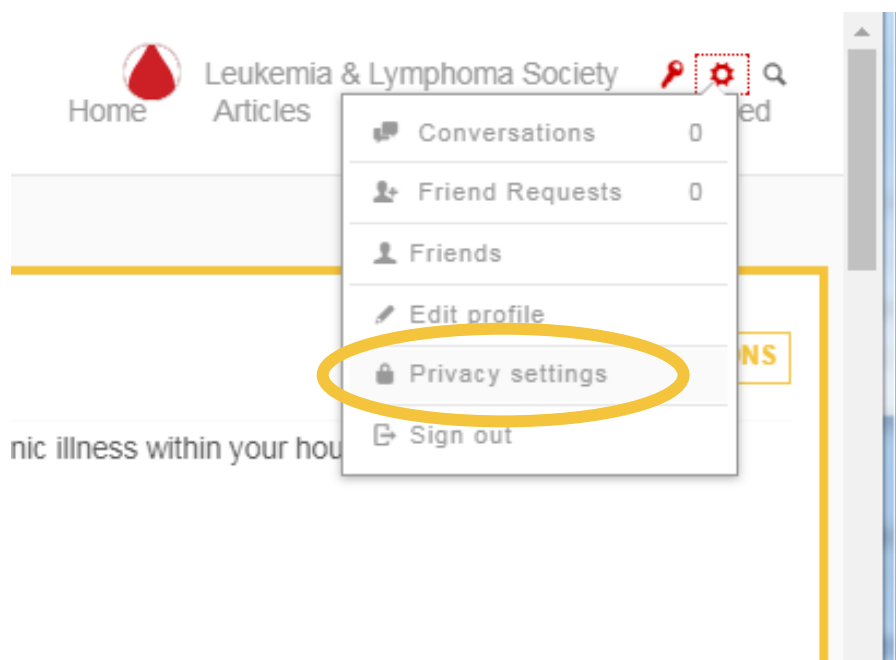
### 3. Looking for your friends?

You might also be wondering, how do I find my friends from the Discussion Boards? You can use the search feature at the top right corner of the page. Be sure to click “search users”...then click on the member’s profile, and you will see all of their posts and activity.



### 4. Don't forget to adjust your privacy settings

You can control what other users see about you by adjusting your privacy settings here. Navigate to the top right of your page – next to your user name, you will see a “gear” icon. Click on this and select “Privacy settings.” From here, you can customize your privacy settings.



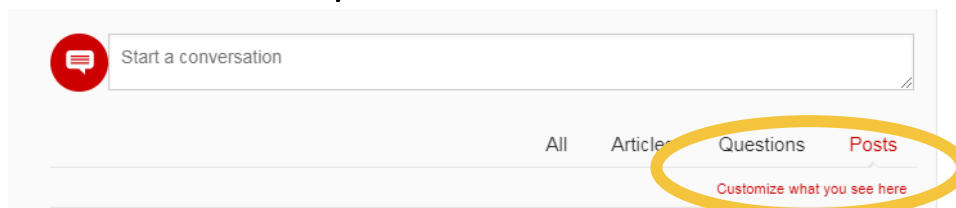
## Edit Privacy Settings

The data that you provide to the site will never be shown to strangers on the internet who don't have a LLS Community account.

<b>Account type</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> LLS Community Researchers Your data will not be shown on the site, and will be only be visible to LLS Community staff and research partners.	<input type="radio"/> Friends and LLS Community Researchers Your data will be visible on the site, but only to users that you are friends with and LLS Community staff and research partners.	<input type="radio"/> Everyone Your data will be visible to all signed in users on LLS Community.
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Save privacy settings

## 5. Want to filter what you see?



If you only would like to see posts, questions, or articles on your feed, you can select this tab to filter. Simply click All, Articles, Questions or Posts.

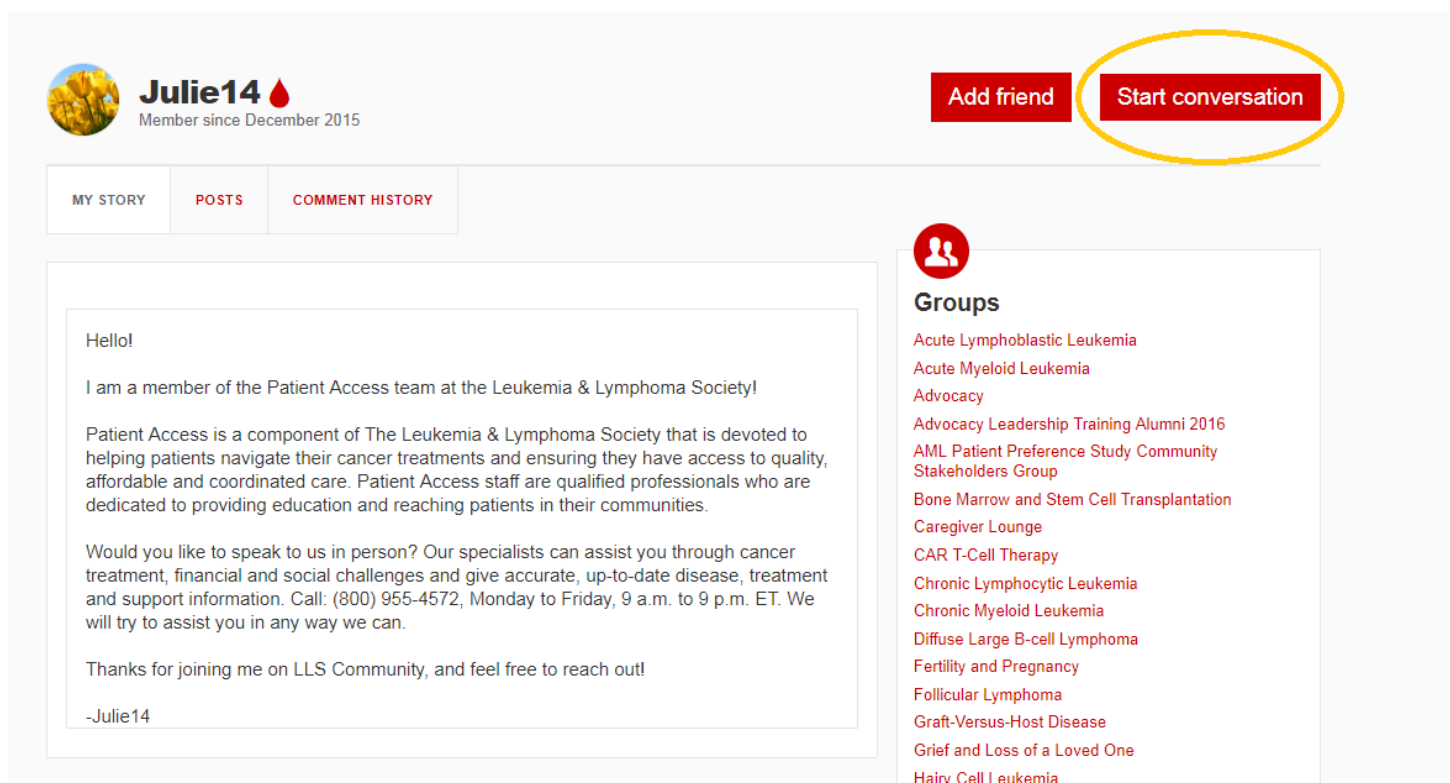
## 6. Editing Posts

If you need to edit a post that you have written, you can do this for up to 48 hours after the post has been made. Simply click the red triangle in the right hand corner of the post, and click “edit”.



## 7. Sending Private Messages

If you would like to talk to other users privately, you can send direct messages. First, click on the username of the person to whom you would like to send a message. Then click on the red “Start a Conversation” button. This will pull up the direct message form. Enter a title and your message and click the red button to send.



## Start a conversation with Julie14

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Subject\*

Hi Julie!

Body\*

Nice to meet you, I have a question that perhaps you can answer...

**Start conversation**

### 8. What will happen to the discussion board posts?

We understand that you've had a lot of great discussions over the years. So you might be wondering, what's going to happen to all of my old posts? On February 1, we can begin the process of migrating posts from the last two years to the LLS Community site. In the near future, when you go to your diagnosis group of interest, you'll be able to find posts from two years prior.

If you have any questions about how to use the platform, you can always contact [community@lls.org](mailto:community@lls.org). We're here to help.