



Family Support Groups

Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter

The concept of our support groups is based on the idea that open communication about living with a blood cancer is critical to coping with various associated feelings that arise. With appropriate professional guidance, patients and family members are able to discuss their experiences with other patients and families in similar situations. Our groups are designed for all adults living with a blood cancer diagnosis and their family members.

Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease & Myeloma Support Group

For: Adult patients, family members, and friends
Where: White Plains Hospital Center for Cancer Care
Lobby Conference Room
2 Longview Avenue, **White Plains, NY**
When: Third Monday of the month, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Facilitator: Victoria Assumma, LCSW-R, ACSW
Phone: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society toll free (888) 282-9465

Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease & Myeloma Support Group

For: Adult patients, family members, and friends
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
2103 Route 6, **Brewster, NY**
When: Second Monday of the month, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Facilitator: Miriam Schapiro, RN
Phone: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society toll free (888) 282-9465

Blood Cancer Support Group

For: Blood cancer patients and families
Where: Enfield Senior Center
299 Elm Street, **Enfield, CT** 06082
When: First Thursday of the month, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
Facilitators: Kara Sawyer RN, BSN and Jay Burton, DO

Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease & Myeloma Support Group

For: Adult patients, family & friends
Where: Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center
Radiation Department –Waiting Room
540 Saybrook Road, **Middletown, CT**
When: First Thursday of the month, 5:30-7 p.m.
Facilitators: Joan Perkins, LMSW
Doreen Gagnon, LCSW
Phone: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society toll free (888) 282-9465 or
Middlesex (860) 358-2053

Myeloma Support Group

For: Adult patients, family & friends
Where: Yale-New Haven Hospital
20 York Street, **New Haven, CT**
When: Last Tuesday of the month, 6-8 p.m.
Facilitators: Liora Lew, LCSW, Oncology Social Worker
Diane Dirzius, RN, BSN, OCN, CRNI, Oncology Nurse
Phone: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society toll free (888) 282-9465 or
Yale-New Haven Hospital (203) 688-9386

Caregiver Support Group

For: Family and Friends of Cancer Survivors
Where: Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale, North Pavilion 4th Floor, **New Haven, CT**
When: The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Facilitators: Mary Strauss, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker
Liora Lew, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker
Phone: Liora Lew at 203-688-5707 or Mary Strauss 203- 200-3355

To attend a group listed above, please register at the ALL EVENTS NEAR YOU calendar <https://www.lls.org/connecticut-westchester-hudson-valley>

For more information about our patient services programs, please contact:

Information Resource Center

(800) 955-4572

or

Courtney Rinaldi, Patient Access Volunteer Development Manager
914-642-3069 or Courtney.Rinaldi@LLS.org.

Non LLS Supported Family Support Group

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Support Group

For: Adult patients, family & friends
Where: New City NY Library
220 N. Main Street, **New City, NY**
When: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Facilitator: Ann McNeill, Ann McNeill, RN, MSN, APN, Nurse Practitioner
Phone: Please phone or email Mal for information (845)638-4393 or email to mrblot@aol.com

***LLS extends its gratitude to all of the skilled support group facilitators who donate their time, wisdom and compassion to our family support group programs.
We could not offer these support services without them.***

Thank you!

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