

Association of Patients with Blood Diseases

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The Association of Patients with Blood Diseases was established in December 1995 on the initiative of patients, previous patients and medical staff at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana (UMCL), Department of Haematology. The members of the association are patients, previous patients who have had the bone marrow transplant, their relatives, friends and medical staff.

The first and foremost goal of the association is offering help to patients and their relatives so that they can overcome difficulties faced with during their illness, their treatment and after the treatment, even more so when it comes to the bone marrow transplant either at home or abroad. We offer support, encouragement, advice and provide company to the patients who find themselves on the path we have managed to walk successfully. Another important role of the association is informing the patients about the illness and spreading the news about the problems patients with blood diseases encounter.

It is an independent association that comprises 400 members from all over Slovenia and operates on the state level. Our members are patients who suffer from one of the blood diseases.

Programmes carried out by our association:

1. Prevention programmes that promote a healthy way of living, improve the quality of life and prevent negative consequences of treatment.
2. Social programmes for socially, financially and medically deprived patients and their relatives.
3. Co-funding the treatment of the effects of stem cell transplantation. Helping to pay medical services that are not covered by the health insurance but improve the quality of living tremendously.
4. Programme Patient to Patient. Offering psychological support and advice to patients.
5. Publishing texts, other publications and the association's newsletter.
6. Participating in international organisations (Myeloma Euronet – European Network of Myeloma Patient Groups, European Registry of patients with blood diseases).
7. Organising social activities and promoting a healthy life.
8. Information system, internet, web page www.drustvo-bkb.si, giving advice on the phone, through e-mail or in person to both, patients and their relatives.
9. The Day of Patients, providing information on blood diseases (each October).



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