Dear Friend,

Within the past month, the FDA has approved THREE new treatment options for people with advanced melanoma: the Opdivo®/Yervoy® combination, Imglylic™ and Yervoy® as an adjuvant therapy. The combination is showing unprecedented response rates in people with Stage IV melanoma. Imglylic™ is injected directly into the melanoma tumor and represents an important milestone in using viruses to stimulate immune response and fight cancer. And the approved use of Yervoy® as an adjuvant is the first new approved treatment for Stage III melanoma patients in 20 years.

Just five years ago the thought that we could successfully treat half of all people with advanced melanoma would have been inconceivable. Now that such a goal is within sight, we must not forget that this amazing result still leaves many, many people struggling for better solutions.

We must secure more funding for research. More than ever before, we live in a time of advances, and for the sake of everyone impacted by melanoma we cannot afford to lighten our efforts now. Please take a moment to celebrate the recent FDA approvals and then join the MRF in our efforts to push the advancements forward – faster.

Sincerely,

Timothy Turnham
Executive Director

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#GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday returns on December 1! Think “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday”, but for charitable giving. The online #GivingTuesday movement empowers everyone to become a philanthropist. Stay tuned for details about how you can help fight melanoma with the MRF on #GivingTuesday!

Upcoming Events

Learn more about our community events, informative seminars on metastatic melanoma, current treatment approaches and clinical trial updates.

NOVEMBER

11/1: Miles for Melanoma
Miami (Miami, FL)

11/5: Wings of Hope for Melanoma
Over the past couple of years, melanoma advocates have brought about an increase in funding available for melanoma research, FDA approval of combination drug therapies and proposed legislation for stricter oversight of tanning beds.

A lot has been accomplished but there is still more to be done. Join the MRF March 13-14th for the annual Advocacy Summit and Hill Day!

This FREE event will begin with a comprehensive training, culminating in meetings with your state legislators. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet with your members of Congress face-to-face to urge them to support legislation that can potentially save lives. Register today!

A limited number of travel scholarships and first-come, first-served hotel accommodations are available. For more information, email volunteer@melanoma.org.

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**Physician CME Opportunity**

The MRF is excited to announce another partnership with Clinical Care Options to offer a CME-certified education module in melanoma. “Participatory Medicine in Malignant Melanoma” is an interactive program tapping into the expertise of Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD. Dr. Weber provides his thoughts on optimal treatment strategies for melanoma and shows how to apply the principles of participatory medicine to clinical practice to improve patient engagement and quality of life. The webinar will help treating physicians understand patient-centered and participatory ways of engaging patients in their own care. This CME opportunity expires August 16, 2016. Click [here](#) to access the webinar.

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Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)

11/7: Miles for Melanoma Phoenix (Phoenix, AZ)

11/7: DC Wings of Hope (Potomac Falls, VA)

11/7: 3rd Annual Bobfest (West Islip, NY)

11/7: The 6th Annual Christopher Guillot Golf Tournament (Laplace, LA)

11/7: One Run Las Vegas (Las Vegas, NV)

11/8: Miles for Melanoma Orlando (Orlando, FL)

11/15: Miles for Melanoma San Diego (San Diego, CA)

For more information about these events and others, please visit [www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org).
Melanoma in the News

Below is a selection of recent melanoma and indoor tanning news.

“Miracle or hype? News reports often inflate cancer drugs’ success,” USA Today

“FDA Approves Adjuvant Yervoy in Melanoma,” Cure Today

“FDA Approves Expanded Use for Melanoma Drug,” WebMD.com

“FDA approves Amgen’s injected immunotherapy for melanoma,” Reuters

“FDA approves cancer treatment that uses virus to attack tumors,” Boston Globe


“PD-1 gets more FDA approvals,” Patient #1, Philly.com

“Running For a Good Cause,” NWI Times

“SFL-TV’s Dave Aizer Hosts Miami Miles for Melanoma,” WSFL-TV

“Apple Expands ResearchKit to Autism, Melanoma, Epilepsy, More,” Fast Company

“FDA Approves Bristol-Myers’s Yervoy, Opdivo for Treatment of Melanoma,” Wall Street Journal