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VIRTUAL EVENT

Upcoming Events

October 31 - [Virtual Miles for Melanoma NYC](#)

November 5 - [Virtual Chicago Gala](#)

November 7 - [Virtual Miles for Melanoma San Diego](#)

November 14 - [Virtual Miles for Melanoma San Francisco](#)

November 19-21 - [Eyes on a Cure: OM Patient & Caregiver Symposium](#)

December 3 - [Virtual NYC Gala](#)



Planning your own CommUNITY Fundraising event? Email events@melanoma.org so we can include it on our online calendar!

The Melanoma Research Foundation's CURE OM Initiative hosted the first Virtual Global Patient Symposium in November of 2020. This three-day event was planned and hosted by five organizations across three continents. More than 400 attendees from eight countries attended over this

three-day event and had 52 sessions to choose from.

We hosted speakers from Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom and United States. Attendees could choose from different tracks related to country, social emotional sessions and medical sessions that pertained to their part of the world. On the last day of the event, global experts came together to present and participate in panel discussions on the topics of research and clinical trials that are currently underway in countries across the world. It was an exciting event, and the first step towards fostering global relationships within the ocular melanoma community.

The MRF would like to thank OCumelUK, Ocular Melanoma Ireland, Ocumel Canada and AOMA who contributed to making this first of its kind event a huge success. Thank you to the community for joining us for our first virtual symposium. We hope to see you in person in 2021!

To view the presentations, please [follow this link!](#)

CURE OM Science Meeting



In October of 2020, CURE OM hosted its 9th Annual CURE OM Science Meeting in conjunction with the Society for Melanoma Congress. This was the first virtual science meeting held with over 160 participants who joined us from three different continents. The latest in research and treatments were discussed with speakers joining from Australia, UK, Europe and the US.

In 2019, CURE OM hosted the 8th annual meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. After the meeting closed, those who attended worked on pulling together a white paper that discussed the latest treatments and research. This past fall, the white paper was published in the [Clinical Cancer Research Journal](#). CURE OM continues to be on the cutting edge of discussions around the forward trajectory of ocular melanoma research and treatments.

EDUCATION: Rare Disease Day!



February 28, 2021 was Rare Disease Day, a day dedicated to celebrating and educating those with rare diseases. The MRF was proud to partner with rarediseaseday.org to highlight all the melanoma subtypes, including ocular melanoma.



CURE OM took part in two different awareness pieces for rare disease day including a guest blog post by Alton Pace about his half-sister, Daryl, who battled with ocular melanoma. [Read his blog here.](#)

MRF advocates from all of our rare subtypes banded together in a video, highlighting important facts about each diagnosis and the need for annual dilated eye exams and skin checks. [Watch the full video here.](#)

We are proud to honor all of our melanoma warriors, especially our ocular melanoma patients and caregivers who fight every day with this rare disease.

November Ask the Expert Series

Ask the Expert

Presented by Castle Biosciences

Thursday, November 19th at
3pm ET/ 12pm PT on

Facebook Live @Melanoma.Research.Foundation

Genetic Testing Results Explained



Peter Hovland, MD
Colorado Retina Associates



Lauren Johnston
Senior Patient Engagement Officer
Melanoma Research Foundation



Lindsay and Paul Zubeck
OM Patient and Caregiver



#EYEGETDILATED



The MRF was thrilled to partner with Castle Biosciences for the first Ask the Expert Series focused on ocular melanoma.

This four-part series ran during #EyeGetDilated month and brought leading experts from across the country to take part in this Facebook Live Series. During each session, the community had a chance to learn from a leading expert from topics on surveillance, research, genetic testing results and the importance of genetic testing. The community was encouraged to ask questions which were answered in real time by the presenters about all topics that impact the ocular melanoma experience.

To watch this Ask the Expert series, [follow this link](#).

SCIENCE: Medical Student Awards Highlights

The MRF is proud to support individual investigators at the beginning of their research careers. Medical Student Awards promote scientific inquiry and encourage young investigators to pursue a career in melanoma science. In February, the MRF announced the award of 11 new Medical Student Research Awards, including those supporting studies of the rare forms of acral and mucosal melanoma.

To date, the MRF has granted 80 Medical Student Awards! Visit the [MRF Research Center](#) to meet the newest members of the MRF scientific community and learn about their important work.

AWARENESS: #EyeGetDilated



On November 5th, the MRF will be hosting its [6th Annual Virtual Chicago Gala!](#)

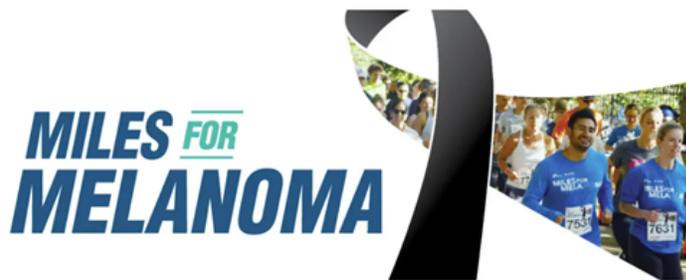
Honorees for this event include the following:

- Humanitarian Award: Pedram Gerami, MD, Northwestern Medicine, Professor Feinberg School of Medicine
- Compassionate Care Award: Carolyn I Jacob, MD FAAD and Rachel N Pritzker, MD FAAD, Chicago Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology
- Courage Award: Nicole Bruno, Joni Kamstra and Nancy Sreenan

YOU can be a part of giving back to the Chicago melanoma community by joining us for a virtual night of fun and celebration. Be a part of funding a grant by donating to the Fund-A-Grant portion of the event, bid on amazing auction items or purchase a chance to win a once in a lifetime vacation [here](#).



Miles for Melanoma



Join melanoma patients, survivors, caregivers and supporters and take the next step towards a cure at the Miles for Melanoma New York City 5k on October 31, 2020!

[Register Today!](#)

There's still time to join a Miles for Melanoma virtual 5k! Below are the dates for upcoming events across the US. All OM teams will have their funds raised directed to CURE OM.

Miles for Melanoma NYC - October 31, 2020 - [Register Here](#)

Miles for Melanoma San Diego - November 7, 2020 - [Register Here](#)

Miles for Melanoma San Francisco - November 14, 2020 - [Register here](#)

Giving Tuesday



Let's save the date for **#GivingTuesday**! Each year our advocates, patients, caregivers and community members come together to do good and support the melanoma community. Every dollar can help make a difference and will allow the MRF to support melanoma patients across the country. This past year was difficult and full of challenges, but it would not have been possible without **YOU!** We hope you will join us for another #GivingTuesday on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. [Follow this link to directly donate to CURE OM.](#)

MyVictory Wellness



GET ACTIVE. BE WELL.

Teaming Up for Victory.

MRF friends receive a 6-month free trial to MyVictory, and then only \$10/month thereafter - 50% off! **MyVictory** is an online fitness and wellness platform specifically tailored towards Survivors.

-  **Live-Streaming** classes every day
-  Over 1000 classes in our **On-Demand Library**
-  Adding **30-40 New Classes** to our library every week
-  Instructors and classes are rated 4.7+/5.0

Use code **MRF-6MonthsFree** when signing up.

TRY FOR FREE ▶

Cancel any time during the free trial without obligation.

The MRF is excited to have this new partnership with MyVictory, a fitness-streaming platform for cancer survivors and those who support them, that has been made possible by the support of [Bristol Myers Squibb](#). They have created a survivorship program to help the 1.3 million melanoma survivors in the United States.

We know the journey of survivorship doesn't end when you walk out of your doctor's office. We are excited to offer a promo code (MRF-6MonthsFree) that can be used at mrf.myvictory.com, to give you free membership and access to over 1000 classes in their On-Demand Library. Free membership is available for your first six months and only \$9.99/month thereafter!

Ocular Melanoma in the News

Below is a sample of recent news related to ocular melanoma.

["One Case of a Rare Eye Cancer Was Weird. When 4 More Appeared, the Town Knew Something Wasn't Right,"](#) *Mother Jones*

["TriSalus Life Sciences Lays Out Therapeutic Strategy Upon Acquisition of First Therapeutic Candidate"](#) *BusinessWire*

["Encode Ideas, L.P. to Host Key Opinion Leader Conference Call with Dr. Jonathon Zager, Principal Investigator for Delcath System's Phase 3 FOCUS Study,"](#) *yahool!fiance*

["Investigating Disparities in Eye Cancer Treatment,"](#) *Stanford Medicine*

["How to Prepare for a Virtual Visit with your Doctor,"](#) *Dana-Farber*

["Predictors of Long-term Anxiety and Depression in Uveal Melanoma Survivors: A Cross-lagged Five-year Analysis,"](#) *docwirenews*

["Circulating DNA From Tumor Could Predict Immunotherapy Outcome,"](#) *Technology Networks*

["Targeting Epigenetic Modifications in Uveal Melanoma,"](#) *MDPI*

["Interview: A Dual Inhibitor Approach Shows Promise in Eye Cancer,"](#) *docwirenews*

["House Appropriations Committee Includes \\$20 million in Defense-funded Melanoma Research,"](#) *Melanoma Research Foundation*

["Ophthalmologists Called to Catch Cancer Earlier,"](#) *medscape*

["Novel PKC Inhibitor Trial to Expand Its Cohort of Patients with Solid Tumors,"](#) *Targeted Oncology*

"Unique Geospatial Accumulations of Uveal Melanoma," *American Journal of Ophthalmology*

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