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# Overview of CLL Society Programs

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CLL Society is pleased to provide you with educational resources, and we invite you to learn more about us. CLL Society is dedicated to providing education and support to the CLL community with a focus on the needs of this population. Programs, resources, and services you might find helpful are listed below.

## About The CLL Society

CLL Society's mission as an inclusive, patient-centric, physician-curated nonprofit organization is to address the unmet needs of the chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) community through patient education, advocacy, support, and research. CLL Society supports CLL patients, caregivers and healthcare providers by monitoring, reporting on, and explaining advances in the understanding of the underlying biology of CLL, emerging CLL research data, and the rapidly evolving CLL therapy options. Our motto is SMART PATIENTS GET SMART CARE™.

## Flagship Programs

### The CLL Society Website

The CLL Society website (<https://cllsociety.org>) is rich in educational content for CLL patients and caregivers. The goal of the website is to help you better understand chronic lymphocytic leukemia and to support you toward getting your best possible care through participation in shared decision making. Features include information for those who are newly diagnosed, relevant treatments, breaking research, clinical trials, educational programs, support groups, and more. The website has additional useful resources including a list of Normal Lab Values, Keeping Track of Lab Results, a CLL Glossary of Terms, and Abbreviations and Acronyms.

### CLL Society's Patient & Caregiver Support Groups

The CLL Society's volunteer-led support groups provide CLL patients and their caregivers the opportunity to participate in face-to-face CLL-specific educational opportunities, as well as an opportunity to meet and connect with others sharing their diagnosis. During the coronavirus pandemic, all meetings have been transitioned to a virtual platform. CLL Society has operationalized almost 40 support groups in cities across the U.S. and two locations in Canada. Find out more about our support groups at <https://cllsociety.org/cll-specific-patient-support-groups/>.

### Ask the Expert

CLL Society provides a free service which allows the CLL/SLL patient and caregiver community to receive answers to commonly asked questions about the disease. Our Ask the Expert services do not render medical advice and is designed for educational purposes only. Patients and caregivers submit questions via email that are confidentially sent to either an expert CLL physician, registered nurse, lab scientist, hospice/palliative care physician, or a pharmacist for a reply. Inquiries most often fall under the categories of medications, lab results, nutrition and exercise, COVID-19, and symptoms of the disease. Individuals receive a personalized response from the Expert and are often referred to specific resources on CLL Society's website to obtain further information.

## **Expert Interviews**

CLL Society gathers, consolidates, analyzes, explains, and publishes key findings presented at the premiere CLL-related scientific conferences. Patients and caregivers who would normally not have access to such information are provided with on-demand access to videos featuring experts in CLL, as well as daily reports and articles, all meant to increase your awareness of the latest clinical advances, as well as the year's most significant scientific discoveries and updates in CLL in a patient-friendly, easy-to-understand format. <https://cllsociety.org/conference-coverage/>.

## **CLL Educational Programs**

CLL Society produces many educational programs each year. There are different formats, including Ed Forums, which are approximately 120-minutes and include multiple CLL expert speakers and patient or caregiver perspectives on a range of important topics. The webinar format is approximately 60-minutes and features one or two expert speakers, with a moderator facilitating the session. Expert speakers share a brief introductory presentation and the last half of the program is reserved for audience Q&A. Virtual Community Meetings include approximately four speakers and the majority of the time is reserved for audience Q&A. Audience interaction is encouraged through advance question submission and live polling. All sessions are recorded and archived on the CLL Society website. Visit our website and sign up for Alerts to be notified of upcoming educational events.

## **Expert Access™ Program**

Research supports that patients who have a CLL expert as part of their team live longer and experience better outcomes than those without this advantage. CLL Society recognizes that living far away from a CLL expert or insurance may be barriers to receiving expert care. The CLL Society Expert Access™ Program provides many such patients with a no-cost, 2nd opinion from a CLL expert physician via a HIPAA-compliant online video consultation. <https://cllsociety.org/eap>

## **Test Before Treat™**

CLL Society's Test Before Treat™ Campaign raises awareness about the importance of testing before each treatment, to facilitate the patient and healthcare provider dialogue to empower patients to insist on testing. Resources include a one-page informational sheet about testing and red, double-sided Test Before Treat wristbands that serve as a reminder. <https://cllsociety.org/tb4t>.

## **CLL Toolkit**

The CLL Toolkit is a comprehensive CLL resource, providing the latest options and facts about CLL. Reviewing this information can open space for important questions, conversations, and decision making between CLL patients, their caregivers, and healthcare providers.

## **Research**

In January 2022, CLL Society launched a Research Program that is devoted to providing financial support to underfunded areas of bench science. CLL Society's Research Program is dedicated exclusively to funding research efforts that are dedicated only to areas specific to CLL/SLL. While acknowledging the incredible amount of progress that has been made over the past decade in CLL/SLL research, we recognize that there is much more work that remains. CLL Society hopes that by providing emerging scientists with substantive financial grants that we can help grow and develop a new generation of lab scientists committed to solving the unmet needs of the disease.

We hope you find this information helpful, and we invite you to become a part of the CLL Society community. Visit our website or reach out at <https://cllsociety.org/contact-us/>.

***Stay Strong... We are all in this together!***