

Dear Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT) community,

Nominations are now being accepted for the new Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network (BMT CTN) Patient and Caregiver Advocacy Committee. The purpose of the committee is to ensure that patient and caregiver perspectives are included in the BMT CTN research portfolio and trial conduct (see attached charter for details; and <a href="https://bmtctn.net/">https://bmtctn.net/</a> for more information about the network).

Up to 12 members with stem cell transplant involvement will be selected, including: patients, caregivers, family members, donor or staff person/volunteer with an agency that interacts with blood and marrow transplant (BMT) patients or donors. Ideally the committee will also have representatives who:

- Understand adult, adolescent and young adult, and/or pediatric BMT issues;
- Understand issues that affect access to or outcomes of SCT secondary to demographics and diversity;
- Have been or understand the needs of a related and/or unrelated donors;
- Are actively involved in BMT-related research; and/or
- Have marketing, communications, social media and/or professional writing experience

Send your nomination to Amy Foley (<u>afoley@nmdp.org</u>) and Eunice Akintade (<u>eakintad@nmdp.org</u>) by 12:00pm CT on Friday, August 26 with:

- Nominee's name, email address, and organization
- Description of personal and/or professional experience related to transplant
- Reason for interest in joining the committee
- Diversity statement: describe how you will bring diversity to the committee
- Completed Conflict of Interest form (see attached)

We encourage you to forward this letter to your BMT patients / caregivers or BMT CTN study participants who may be interested in serving on this committee as well as your research and clinical nurses and colleagues who may have valuable suggestions. For more information about the BMT CTN or the committee, feel free to contact either of us: edward.stadtmauer@uphs.upenn.edu or marymh@mcw.edu.

Sincerely,

Ed Stadtmauer, MD

BMT CTN Steering Committee Chair

Mary Horowitz MD, MS

**BMT CTN Principal Investigator**