

## Medical Support for the Group

The MDS UK Patient Support Group is affiliated with the MDS Forum, the foremost UK organisation focused upon MDS, providing information and advice on the status and progress with MDS treatment in the UK.

The MDS UK Patient Support Group is also supported by major pharmaceutical companies.

The MDS UK Patient Support Group is affiliated with the MDS Foundation Inc., a multidisciplinary international organisation dedicated to sharing and improving MDS information and awareness between patients, globally.



## MDS UK Patient Support Group - Our Aims

- To provide a networking service through which those newly diagnosed with MDS may share their experience with fellow sufferers.
- To organise patient meetings, at least once a year, with specialist speakers.
- To distribute information and raise awareness of MDS to patients, carers and health care professionals across the UK.
- To provide access to a list of UK consultants, specialising in MDS.
- To develop and maintain a website, providing information on MDS. Also direction to other relevant sites.



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## MDS UK Patient Support Group

- Have you recently been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)?
- Are you unsure about the future?
- Would you like more information and advice?

### We can help!

Contact us at:

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King's College Hospital  
123 Coldharbour Lane  
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Website: [www.mdspatientsupport.org.uk](http://www.mdspatientsupport.org.uk)

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## What is MDS?

MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndrome) describes a malfunction of the bone marrow in producing the correct quantity and quality of blood cells.

Cells that can be affected:

- **Red cells** - which carry oxygen to organs and tissues in the body.
- **White cells** - which collectively fight against infection.
- **Platelets** - which prevent us from bruising and bleeding.

One or more of these can be affected by MDS.

Many people, newly diagnosed with MDS, have not heard of this disorder before.

Some, diagnosed early, do not even feel unwell.



## MDS UK Patient Support Group

MDS is a rare disease. At first the diagnosis can come as a shock, with anxiety and a feeling of isolation.

The MDS Patient Support Group:

- Provides continuous support to MDS patients and their carers.
- Advances public education in all aspects of MDS in the UK, through publications and the internet.
- Promotes and supports scientific research into the treatment and care of MDS patients.

The Group provides a vehicle for networking between sufferers and carers.

Website: [www.mdsukpatients.org](http://www.mdsukpatients.org)

*Please note that nothing contained in this leaflet is intended to constitute professional advice for medical diagnosis or treatment. You should always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health provider prior to starting any new treatment or consult them on any question you may have regarding a medical condition.*

## Joining the MDS UK Patient Support Group

Membership of the Group is free and open to all. You can join by completing the form below.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr (or specify).....

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

E-mail: .....

Tel: .....

Are you a patient/carer/other?

(please specify): .....

Although we are a voluntary charity, we do need funds to enable us to expand and improve our service. If you are willing to assist with donations, please make payments to:

### MDS UK Patient Support Group

All donations will be acknowledged in writing.

I enclose a donation of: .....

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Please tick this box to join the scheme.

Signature: .....

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