

One of the programs offered by the group is the mentor program. This program connects a patient currently undergoing treatment with a former patient who has completed treatment.

For more information on the support group, please contact Ms Francesca Plaster at fmplaster@shaw.ca or visit their web site at www.myeloma.vancouver.ca.

Docs On The Run to run again in 2006

This year online training for the Sun Run or for any run/walk in your community will start in January 2006. Stay tuned to Pulsimeter for updates.

—Ron Wilson, MD
Vancouver

BCMA's privacy commitment to you

From time to time we receive complaints from members who are being solicited by insurance agents or other third parties, indicating that the BCMA has apparently supplied the agent with contact information about the member and implying that by doing so the BCMA is endorsing the agent.

We want to assure all members that maintaining your privacy is of utmost importance to the BCMA. We take pains to ensure that the only third parties receiving personal information about members on a regular basis are the Canadian Medical Association, with which we have a conjoint relationship, and medical societies and sections that a member has joined. In rare instances when it is important to communicate with members or get their opinions on a hot topic, we may engage the services of a third party, such as Ipsos Reid, to do telephone surveys. On these occasions, we notify members of our intent and only provide contact information to the surveying firm on a one-time-use basis, with a confidentiality agreement.

If you are approached by an insurance agent or other third party purporting to have obtained your contact information from the BCMA, be assured that this is not the case. We encourage you to question the agent about the source of his or her information. You may also wish to ask the agency to remove your name from their mailing list.

—Sandie Braid, CEBS
Assistant Director,
BCMA Benefits

in memoriam

Dr Michael (Mike) Wolochow 1921–2005

Dr Michael Wolochow died 4 September 2005 at Vancouver General Hospital. Born in Calgary in 1921 to Dr Paul and Jennie Wolochow (Bruser), Mike grew up in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, and graduated in medicine from the University of Alberta in 1944. In 1941, he joined the armed forces and became an officer in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. After the war, Mike furthered his medical training in the areas of pathology and general surgery, eventually settling in Vancouver in 1951 and establishing a family practice that spanned 45 years. He was a member of the active staff in the Department of Family Practice at Vancouver General Hospital, a clinical instructor at the University of British Columbia, and was instrumental in the development of the Short Term Assessment and Treatment Centre at VGH, a geriatric day hospital where he served for many years as a sessional physician. In 1985, Mike was granted a Royal Canadian Legion Geriatric Fellowship and spent 6 months at Baycrest

Geriatric Centre in Toronto. He was also honored by his peers as a Prince of Good Fellows in recognition of his long and outstanding medical career. Mike was widely known and respected not only as a dedicated physician but also as a hard-working and generous contributor to social causes, both in Israel and the local community. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he will be lovingly remembered for his beautiful smile, his kindness and compassion, his wisdom and integrity, and his warm heart and generous spirit. Mike was predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years, Reta (Sheckter) and by his brother David. He is deeply loved and greatly missed by his children, Miriam Azrael, Barbara Lucas (John), and Ron Wolochow (Carol), and by his grandchildren, Damien, Danielle, and Devin. Funeral services were held on 5 September 2005 at the Schara Tzedek Cemetery.

—Barbara Lucas, Vancouver
Ron Wolochow, Calgary

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