



About the Online Ocular Melanoma Support Groups

The Melanoma Research Foundation's (MRF) CURE OM initiative is proud to partner with Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) to offer online ocular melanoma support groups for OM patients and caregivers.

The online support groups will be facilitated by licensed social workers from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Oncology department. To support this collaboration, CURE OM Program Manager Lauren Johnston will communicate with participants about meeting dates, featured speakers, discussion topics and related matters. In this role, Lauren will be the first point of contact for questions or comments about the groups.

To join a group, participants will be asked for a limited amount of identifying information. This information will be used only by the social workers for the purpose of assigning participants to the correct group. The information will include current status (primary disease, metastatic OM or caregiver), and may include items like a participant's city and state, medical center and/or doctor. This allows for the social workers to identify where participants are calling in from, and can suggest which physicians or treatment centers may be of interest for future presentations and guest speaking opportunities. This information is not a requirement, but it does contribute to designing and running the groups in the most helpful way possible.

If a participant would like to remain anonymous, they will be supported in that decision. The only individuals who will have your contact information are the social workers and the CURE OM Program Manager; you will be listed as "Anonymous" when you log into the online platform.

As this is a resource organized and facilitated by a medical institution, all of the activity within a group will be confidential and sharing what is discussed in a group is strictly prohibited. The only information that may be shared are educational slides and presentations prepared by our speakers, but these will contain no data, details or other information about group participants. All group activity will adhere to the social work ethics, standards and medical guidelines set forth by Thomas Jefferson University.

We strive to design and deliver this resource in a secure, confidential manner that will offer the most benefit to our participants. Any questions, comments or other feedback about the online ocular melanoma support groups can be directed to CURE OM Program Manager Lauren Johnston at ljohnston@melanoma.org.