



You are invited to attend

# MDS Patient and Family Forum: Leeds, UK

## Tuesday April 14, 2009

St James's University Hospital – Bexley Wing  
Beckett Street, Leeds LS9 7DF

The MDS UK Patient Support Group and the MDS Foundation are organizing a meeting on Friday 14th April 2009 in the new conference suite within the Bexley Wing of St. James's Hospital, Leeds.

This will present an excellent opportunity for MDS patients to meet with fellow MDS patients and their families to share their experiences of living with MDS. Similar support group days have proved extremely successful and beneficial to patients in the past.

Dr. David Bowen will be the guest speaker for this meeting and will provide participants with an update on current research and treatment options. Question and answer segments will allow you to participate with the speakers during this interactive meeting.

The meeting will take place in the afternoon with a light lunch provided prior to the start of proceedings.

*Participation in the Forum is free of charge.*

## Speakers

### David Hall, Chairman

MDS UK Patient Support Group

### David Bowen, MD

St James's Institute of Clinical Oncology  
Leeds, UK

### Louise Arnold

Haematology Research Nurse  
St James's Institute of Clinical Oncology  
Leeds, UK

### Kathy Heptinstall, BSN, RN

The MDS Foundation



## Agenda

12.45 – 1.30 pm	<b>Registration and Lunch</b>	
1.30 – 1.45 pm	<b>Introduction to Forum</b>	<i>David Hall, Chairman</i>
1.45 – 2.30 pm	<b>Current Issues in the Diagnosis and Treatment of MDS</b>	<i>David Bowen, MD</i>
2.30 – 2.45 pm	<b>Nursing Perspective</b>	<i>Louise Arnold</i>
2.45 – 3.15 pm	Coffee Break	
3.15 – 4.00 pm	<b>Small Group Discussions</b>	Facilitators: <i>Kathy Heptinstall, Louise Arnold</i>
4.00 – 5.00 pm	<b>Large Group Open Discussion</b>	Facilitators: <i>Kathy Heptinstall, Louise Arnold</i>
5.00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Travel to Leeds

**Flights:** There are frequent flights from Dublin and Belfast via Ryanair in particular, offering inexpensive flights. The hospital is about 30 minutes from Leeds/Bradford airport by taxi.

**Train:** From Leeds railway station – St. James's Hospital is only ten minutes by taxi from the railway station. The number 4 bus runs every 10 minutes from City Square (Park Plaza hotel) directly outside the railway station to St. James's Hospital direct.

## Accommodation

If you require accommodation, we can recommend a range of hotels near the Leeds train Station — please let us know when you register for the Forum.

***We look forward to seeing you there.***

*MDS UK Patient Support Group and The MDS Foundation*

**For further information or to enroll please contact Sophie Wintrich, EU Patient Liaison.  
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