

Eligibility & Payment

The Patient Assistance Program offers free personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors. Call counselors will complete a form and will collect medical and financial information from the patient. Once the form is completed, it is sent to the patient and patient's physician for authorization. According to Nancy, "This process is extremely fast. It usually takes between 5 to 7 business days to obtain approval. However, we've been known to move the process along even quicker. Our record time is four hours!"

Once authorization for payment has been received, the payments go directly to the provider or pharmacy. The only exception is if the patient has a pharmacy or medical provider who won't accept third party payments. PAP does require billing records and a copy of insurance language.

Support

The Patient Advocate Foundation is broadly supported by a diverse group of organizations. They recently received two grants from the Centers for Disease Control and were the recipient of an appropriation in the recent Federal budget. Other support comes from their Annual Fundraiser, "A Promise of Hope Affair." This fundraiser is warmly received by the local community in Newport News, VA.

Community Involvement

The Patient Advocate Foundation has a "Scholarship for Survivors" for cancer survivors who wish to go to college. The organization gives 10 scholarships per year to young adults whose lives have been affected by cancer. Both PAP and PAF also have booths at the ASCO Annual Meeting.

Future Plans

Mrs. Davenport-Ennis recently received a four-year appointment to the Directors Consumer Liaison Group (DCLG). DCLG advises and makes recommendations to the Director of the National Cancer Institute from the consumer advocate perspective on a wide variety of issues, programs, and research priorities. Future plans for the Patient Advocate Foundation include work with regulators to improve a system of healthcare delivery that provides equal access to healthcare in the US. **OA**

Patient Assistance



The following programs are provided as a service to your patients for product access and assistance. Qualified patients can range from those with no insurance to the underinsured, or those who have difficulty meeting a co-pay. Eligibility and enrollment for each program varies, so please visit the appropriate website or call the contact numbers listed below to learn more about individual guidelines.

Amgen

Aranesp, Neulasta, and NEUPOGEN

The SAFETY NET® Program

800-272-9376

www.amgen.com/patient/assistance.html

Aventis

Anzemet, Taxotere

PACT+ Program

800-996-ONCO (6626)

www.aventisoncology.com/reimbursement.htm
ePACT@access2health.com

GlaxoSmithKline

Hycamtin, Navelbine, Zofran

Commitment to Access

866-265-6491

www.commitmenttoaccess.gsk.com

MedImmune

Ethylol

Ethylol Protect Program

877-633-4411

MGI PHARMA, INC.

Aloxi

ALOXI Alliance Program

866-302-5694

www.YESCTRL.com

The YES to CONTROL Patient Program

866-937-2875

www.YESCTRL.com

Novartis Oncology

Sandostatin LAR, Zometa

Novartis Patient Assistance Program

800-282-7630

Ortho Biotech

Procrit

PROCRIline

800-553-3851

(available Mon.-Fri. from 9am-8pm, EST)

Fax: 800-987-5572

www.Procritline.com

(site offers online application and registration)

Pharmion

Vidaza, Innohep

The VIDAZA Patient Assistance Program

866-742-7646

www.vidaza.com

Innohep Patient Assistance Program

www.innohepusa.com

Roche, Inc.

Kytril, Xeloda

Oncoline-Patient Assistance Program

800-443-6676

(press 2 to be connected directly to a representative)

www.kytril.com

SICOR

Adrucil, Carboplatin Injection, Carboplatin for Injection, Fludarabine, Fludarabine Phosphate Injection, IDArubicin Injection, Ifosfamide/Mesna Kit, Leuprolide Acetate, Mesna Injection, Vinorelbine Tartrate Injection

SICOR Patient Assistance Program

800-331-0124

Wyeth

Neumega

Wyeth Oncology Reimbursement Program

888-638-6342