Continuing Support Through the COVID Crisis

During this difficult time, we want you know that Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts are here to support you. We care about our patients, families and members, and will continue to provide you with the information you need to help navigate the current crisis. Here are some resources we wanted to share with you.

Medication Assistance

There are a number of companies that have patient assistance programs for those who are struggling to pay for their medications and treatments. To find out if you qualify, please click on the links below.

Abbott - [HERE](#)
Amgen - [HERE](#)
Astellas - [HERE](#)
Astra Zeneca - [HERE](#)
Bayer - [HERE](#)
Boehringer Ingelheim - [HERE](#)
Bristol-Myers Squibb/Pfizer - [HERE](#)

Edwards LifeSciences - [HERE](#)
Janssen Pharmaceuticals - [HERE](#)
Merck - [HERE](#)
Novartis - [HERE](#)
Novo Nordisk - [HERE](#)
Sanofi-Regeneron - [HERE](#)
Financial Resources Webinar
If you are concerned that you may not be able to afford your medications, please join us on our upcoming webinar titled, "Connecting the Underinsured with Financial Assistance". You can register HERE for the Wednesday, April 29th webinar.

Educational & Emotional Support
We are working with our partners to provide and share resources that are meant to inform and educate patients and families about COVID-19. Please check our website often for new webinar information, links to recorded webinars, visitor training dates and information that is being shared from partners like The Centers for Disease Control, American Heart Association and the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative (CNOC). You can access our COVID-19 webpage HERE. Here are direct links to some helpful sites.

- Mental Health America
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- The American Heart Association

Mended Hearts COVID Statement & Action Plan
To ensure the health and safety of patients, families and members, we have instituted policies regarding Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts visiting and meetings.

1) As of March 11th, all patient and family in-person visits have been temporarily suspended in all chapters across the nation.
2) As of March 11th, all monthly support, educational meetings, and events have been temporarily suspended in all chapters across the nation.

The Board of Directors for The Mended Hearts, INC will continue to re-evaluate these policies on a weekly basis and will inform our members if there is a change. Please click HERE to read our official COVID-19 statement.

The Mended Hearts Resource Center
Our Resource Center staff will continue to work from home through May. As always, we are available to support patients and members over the phone and through email, Monday through Friday. Please call 1-888-HEART99 (1-888-432-7899) or send an email to info@mendedhearts.org if you need assistance or have questions.

Meetings & Visiting
Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts volunteer leaders can receive ongoing training on Virtual Support Group Meetings, Virtual Visiting, and other ways to continue to serve patients and families. Please look for emails with training details.

Online Study: Psychological Stress in CHD Patients and Caregivers due to COVID-19

Congenital cardiology and cardiac surgery clinicians and researchers at the University of Michigan are seeking to better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the wellbeing of pediatric and young adult patients with congenital heart disease and their caregivers. This brief, anonymous online survey will help to inform the delivery and prioritization of mental health and support services during and following the COVID-19 outbreak. This survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Those eligible to complete this survey, which will remain open until April 30th, include:

1) A parent of a child or young adult with congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy or heart transplant
2) An adult with congenital heart disease
3) A partner or spouse of an adult with congenital heart disease whom you have provided caregiving support for >1 years. Additional information and the survey can be found HERE.

New Community to Support PSVT/SVT Patients

We are happy to announce that we have launched a new community to support patients and families with PSVT/SVT, a type of tachycardia.

Tachycardia is when the heart beats faster than normal, even when you’re not doing anything. Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (PSVT) is when your fast heartbeat starts in the upper, or supraventricular, chambers of the heart. It’s also known as supraventricular tachycardia. PSVT is most common in younger people, especially women. To become a part of this community and connect with others, please click HERE.

If you have PSVT/SVT, and you are interested in becoming an ambassador for this Connections group by sharing and supporting others, please email Andrea Baer at Andrea.Baer@Mendedhearts.org.
Upcoming Assistant Regional Director (ARD) & Chapter Officer Calls

Mended Hearts will be holding a series of virtual ARD meetings, as well as a number of Chapter Officer calls during the last week of April and the first few weeks of May.

Chapter Officers will receive more information about call dates and times over the next week. For questions, please email Mandy at Mandy.Sandkuhler@Mendedhearts.org.

Please check back for our Mended Hearts and Mended Little Hearts events at a later date.

www.Mendedhearts.org - 1-888-432-7899