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What's New

IgAN Foundation Formed

In February of 1998 the IgA Nephropathy Foundation (IgANF) was formed in the U.S.A. From the foundation articles of incorporation "The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to further scientific research, education, and public awareness relating to IgA Nephropathy with the goal of accelerating the search for a cure for this disease and reducing the physical and emotional damage to patients and their families."

You can learn more about the Foundation and how to help by going to the [IgAN Foundation page](#) .

January 1999

We have added some new content to the site. Look for the Understanding Medical Reports and Data page where you will find an excellent computer tool for tracking kidney function. This Excel Spreadsheet is great for doctor and patients. Jump to our [Understanding Medical Reports and Data Page](#) to see.

We also are in the process of adding a list of Doctors which our members/patients and members/doctors have asked for. The list is small but growing. See the listing and add your referrals by visiting the [Physician Referral Page](#).

December 1998 - Finally some new content on the site. We have converted the site to a MS Front Page format and now have a search engine. More improvements will soon follow.

February 1998 - Researchers at Stanford Medical School join with the internet based research of the IGANF.

Our Internet based research project has received a big boost with the assistance of the Stanford School of Medicine where two MD researchers have asked to focus their research on IgAN by participating in formalizing our Internet research effort. This brings our efforts into the mainstream of modern medical research as pioneering use of the internet to facilitate formal medical research. Initially the Stanford collaboration will begin research protocols to investigate the effects of various treatment, genetic components, and sociological implications of IgAN.

Seminar on IgAN

IgA Nephropathy—30 Years Later

[Internet Research
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An Interactive Seminar
for patients with IgAN and their families

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Presented by The North American IgA Nephropathy Study Group
and the IgA Nephropathy Foundation.

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Co-sponsored by
Medical City Hospital at Dallas
National Institutes of Health (NIDDK)
National Kidney Foundation of Texas
Pronova Biocare

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Purpose of the Seminar: To provide a review of the clinical and
pathologic aspects of IgA Nephropathy, and to describe the treatment
options currently available for patients with this disorder.

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Medical City Dallas Hospital, Saturday, May 23, 1998

[Personal Stories](#)

See our [on-line brochure](#) for more details. Reserve your place (attendance
limited to 80) by calling 1-800-345-IGAN

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Coming soon!

Kids with IgAN

The seminar will be held at Columbia Hospital in Dallas at The
Southwest Pediatric Nephrology research group is at Department of
Clinical Research at Columbia Hospital at Medical City Dallas, 7777
Forest Lane, Suite C727, Dallas, TX 75230 Call 1-800-345-IGAN.

Diet and Exercise

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

**Continuing Education for
Physicians**

AS an important part of bringing the IgAN Home Page and Internet
Research under an incorporated foundation umbrella is recognition that
the Internet is a powerful tool for reaching people with interest in IgA
Nephropathy. Our efforts will continue via improvement of the IgAN
Home Page, expansion of the research efforts, and outreach to influential
organizations. In order to be able to reach these goals we need to
assemble a team of volunteers. If you are interested in making a
commitment we need first a volunteer coordinator amongst other skills.
Check the [IgAN Foundation Page](#) for more information.

Latest Papers and Abstracts.

**Successful mycophenolate mofetil treatment of
glomerular disease.**

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Eight patients with resistant and/or relapsing nephrotic syndrome or renal
insufficiency were empirically treated with mycophenolate mofetil
(MMF). The underlying glomerular diseases were membranous
nephropathy (N = 3), minimal change disease (n = 2), focal segmental

glomerulosclerosis (n = 1), and lupus nephritis (N = 2). Treatment with MMF 0.75 to 1.0 g twice daily, either as monotherapy or in combination with low-dose steroid treatment, resulted in substantial reductions in proteinuria or stabilization of serum creatinine. In relapsing patients following withdrawal from cyclosporin A, MMF achieved suppression of proteinuria equivalent to or better than that which occurred during cyclosporin A treatment. Steroids were successfully withdrawn in each of the non-lupus patients. MMF was well tolerated with no evidence of hematologic, hepatic, or other toxicity. These clinical anecdotes demonstrate the short-term clinical efficacy of MMF treatment. In addition, they suggest that MMF may have major steroid-sparing effects and might represent an alternative to cyclosporin A in appropriate patients.

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