

# MDS Patient & Family Forum Agenda

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

## **Yale Cancer Center**

Smilow Auditorium - 2nd Floor  
55 Park St New Haven, CT 06511

9:00 am - 9:45 am

**Patient Arrival and Registration**  
*Continental Breakfast*

9:45 am - 10:00 am

**Welcome Remarks from The MDS Foundation & Yale  
Cancer Center / Smilow Cancer Hospital**

10:00 am - 10:30 am

**What is MDS?**  
With Q&A Session  
*Rory Shallis, MD*

10:30 am - 11:00 am

**How Do We Treat MDS?**  
With Q&A Session  
*Nikolai Podoltsev, MD, PhD*

11:00 am

**Break**

11:15 am - 11:45 am

**MDS Research**  
With Q&A Session  
*Lourdes Mendez, MD, PhD*

11:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Treatment of Higher Risk MDS Including Stem Cell  
Transplantation**  
With Q&A Session  
*Jan Bewersdorf, MD*

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

**Lunch**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Becoming a Partner in Your Care - Building Blocks of Hope**  
With Q&A Session  
Lisa Barbarotta, MSN, APRN-BC, AOCNS

*Parking: Air Wrights Garage (Floors 4 & 5)  
Yale Cancer Center will provide vouchers for free parking*

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