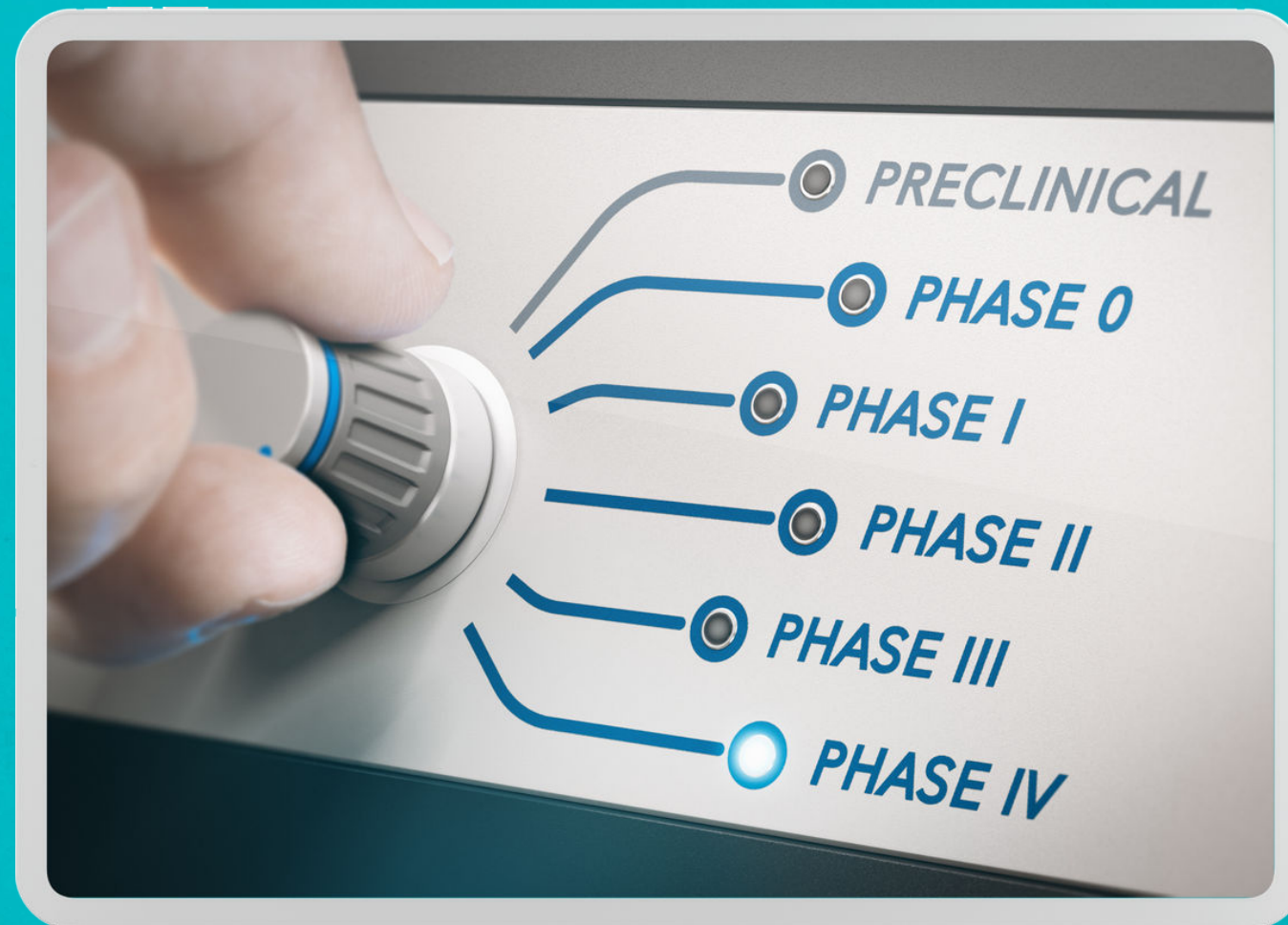


# CLINICAL TRIALS



September 23, 2021

12:00–1:30 pm EST



# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

## **Clinical Trials Overview**

**Dr. Asif Alavi, MD**

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## **How to Navigate the Maze of Clinical Trials**

**Abbey Fueger, BA, BSN, RN**

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## **Patient Experience, Survivor of BMT/GVHD**

**Mike Ansley**

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## **Patient Experience, Survivor**

**Ray Gillespie**

## **Question and Answer Period**





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We link you to experts across the country in all topics related to transplant and to others who have made it through the journey before you.

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# RESOURCES TO HELP FAMILIES NAVIGATE THE TRANSPLANT JOURNEY

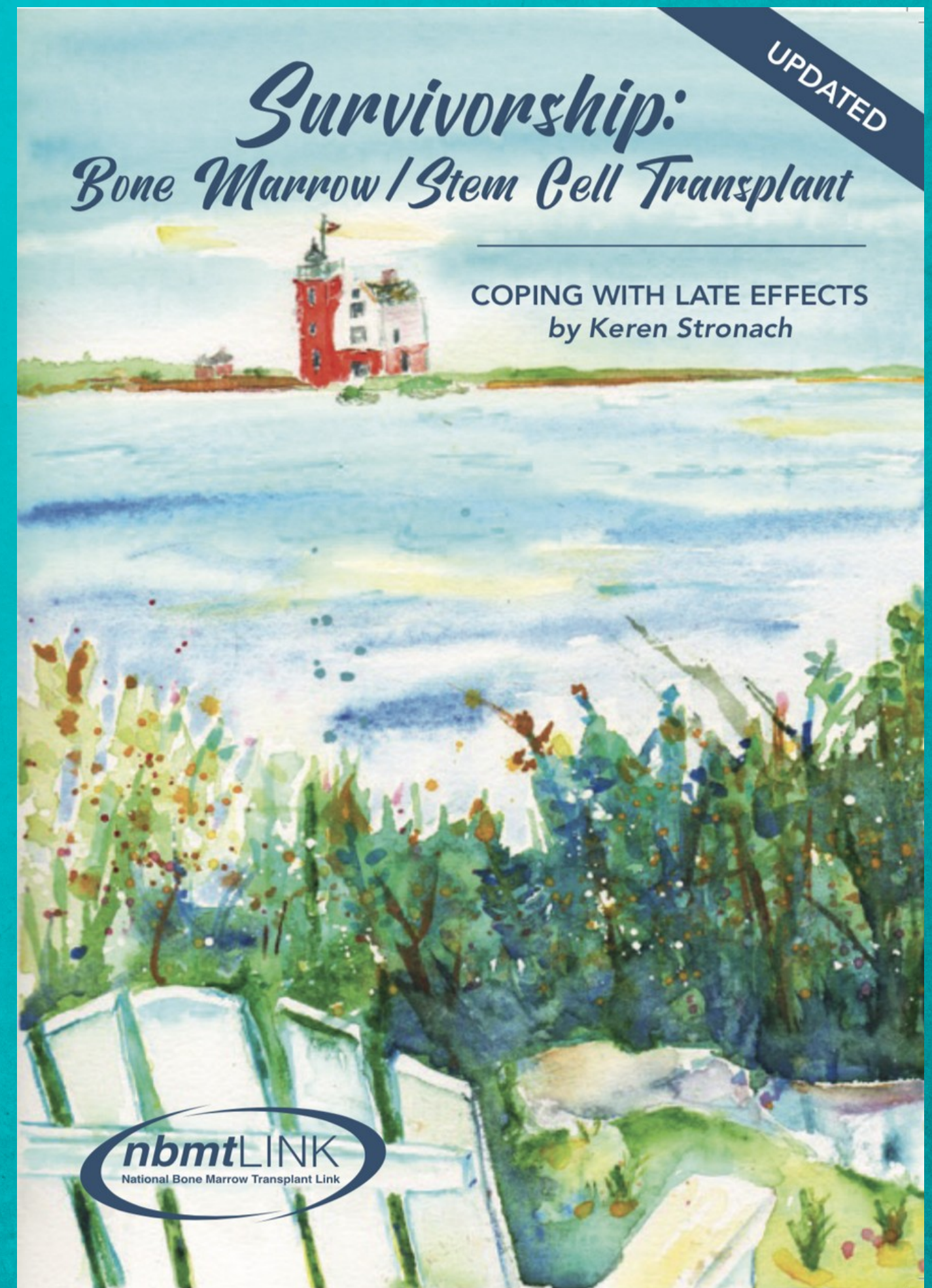
Lunch & Learn Programs, award winning Marrow Masters podcasts, multiple webinars, and blogs from those who have been through the transplant process on all things related to disease specific information, survivorship issues, coping, and symptom management.

Peers Support Mentor Program for Patients and Caregivers

Second Birthdays Recognition Program

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Resources and stories of support via our Twitter and Facebook pages



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# Asif Alavi, MD



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Asif Alavi, MD is an assistant professor of Hematology/Oncology at Wayne State University and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Dr. Alavi earned his undergraduate degree from University of California Berkeley and his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at UCLA and his fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at the University of Southern California. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Oncology. He is currently a member of the Transplant, Cellular therapy and Hematology teams at Karmanos Cancer Center. His clinical and research interests include hemoglobinopathies and stem cell transplant for benign and malignant hematologic diseases. He has numerous abstracts and peer reviewed publications in the fields of stem cell transplant and hematology. He serves at the director of the Hemophilia Treatment Center at the Detroit Receiving Hospital and is a PI in the Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trial Network. Dr. Alavi is active in numerous academic, departmental and community organizations, including the Wayne State University IRB. He has been recognized for his excellence in teaching, winning the Karmanos Hematology teaching award three of the last four years.



## Abbey Fueger, BA, BSN, RN

Abbey is a Clinical Trial Nurse Navigator with the Clinical Trial Support Center of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Prior to her current role, Abbey was a Clinical Research Nurse at City of Hope National Medical Center. During her time there she carried a portfolio of hematology Phase 1-3 trials.



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# Mike Ansley



**SURVIVOR**

Mike Ansley, a native of Silverdale, Washington, enlisted in the Navy in 1989. He graduated with from the University of Washington in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and completed a Masters of Science Degree in Management of Information systems in 2002 from the University of Central Florida.

A career submarine warfare officer, he retired as a Commander in 2013 after 23 years of distinguished service. His personal decorations include the Navy Submarine Leagues Charles A. Lockwood Award for professional excellence, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four Awards), Navy Achievement Medal (five awards) and various personal and unit awards.

In 2015 he relocated to Merritt Island, Florida and works for Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral. He is married to the former Krysti Moorcroft of Seabeck, Washington. They have three sons Jacob (28), Zackary (23) and Nathaniel (21)

# Ray Gillespie



**SURVIVOR**

Feb 2019 noticed a large knot near hip.

Went in, diagnosis was Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma (19 hits all over his body)

At one point, he was told he had three months to live. However, this husband, father, and grandfather from Georgia had a different story.