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Renowned Mayo Clinic Cancer Researchers

Rafael Fonseca, MD, and Robert Kyle, MD, Co-Chair

Free, One-Day **Living with Myeloma Conference** on March 18

[Phoenix – January 17, 2017] Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN) presents its 11th annual Living with Myeloma conference on Saturday, March 18 in Scottsdale. AzMN will partner with the Scottsdale Cure Corridor and many national, as well as local, medical professionals to explore cutting-edge research and treatment options for myeloma.

"I started our cancer charity 12 years ago because when my husband was diagnosed with multiple myeloma 25 years ago, we knew nothing about this rare and deadly blood cancer and were frightened and confused," said AzMN Founder and President Barbara Kavanagh.

She continued, "We decided to hold an annual Living with Myeloma Conference so that we could help other patients and families learn about their disease and the treatment options available and how to 'fight' and 'survive'! We are so grateful and proud that Jack is still 'thriving' and that we now are able to reach hundreds of other patients and families each year to give them the information and resources they need to live with myeloma."

Fonseca, Getz Family Professor of Cancer Chair, Department of Medicine, Distinguished Mayo Investigator who works from the Mayo Clinic Cancer in Scottsdale, praised AzMN for the conference when he said, "I am committed to participating in these types of

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educational events for patients. AzMN provides a forum to share important updates on the research, management and treatment of the disease.” He continued, “AzMN’s annual conference is very important for clinicians, researchers, myeloma patients and their caregivers. Their attendance will offer them a renewed sense of hope and new protocols to examine.”

Joining AzMN and Dr. Fonseca will be Robert Kyle, MD, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane, chairman of the Scottsdale Cure Corridor Initiative. Other faculty include: Board-certified hematologist and oncologist Irene M. Ghobrial, MD, with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, and Jonathan Abbas, MD, bone marrow transplant specialist from the HonorHealth Virginia G. Piper Cancer Care Network, as well as other leading health care professionals.

The conference is offered entirely **free of charge** and draws more than 300 myeloma patients, families, and caregivers, as well as researchers, scientists, pharmacists and bioscience professionals.

The Scottsdale Cure Corridor includes a multitude of health care organizations that educate, research and treat cancer patients. CEO of HonorHealth, Tom Sadvary shared the vision of the Corridor, “Winfield Scott founded Scottsdale as a place of health and healing more than 125 years ago. HonorHealth continues to leverage that innovative spirit to find new ways to improve and extend the lives of our cancer patients. Our community physicians and physician scientists are working together and collaborating with others across the ‘Cure Corridor’ to find a cure for a disease that touches so many lives and families.”

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AzMN's annual conference in Scottsdale is reflective of that innovative spirit and attempts to offer the latest treatments, tools, and research insights regarding myeloma to patients, their loved ones and the health professionals offering services to them.

The 11th Annual Living with Myeloma Conference begins with an 8 am registration at Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The conference runs from 9 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, or to register, visit www.azmyelomanetwork.org or call 623-466-6246.

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About the Arizona Myeloma Network

Multiple myeloma is a complex and often misdiagnosed cancer of the bone marrow that affects plasma cells, which compromise the immune system and bone. Founded in 2004 and headquartered in Glendale, Arizona, Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit charity organization that conducts events and education programs, with special consideration for the underserved. AzMN seeks to promote collaboration, awareness, education and advocacy for improved treatment and quality of life for multiple myeloma patients, their families and ALL cancer patients. To learn more, visit www.azmyelomanetwork.org.

About Mayo Clinic Cancer Center

As a leading institution funded by the National Cancer Institute, the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center conducts basic, clinical and population science research, translating discoveries into improved methods for prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy. For information on cancer clinical trials, call the clinical trial referral office at 1-855-776-0015 (toll-free).

About Mayo Clinic

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