

eNewsletter

HISTIOCYTOSIS ASSOCIATION

-- February 2025

In this month's newsletter, among other things, we talk about the Histo Hike Shenandoah, National Cancer Research, and the Histo Student Scholarship

Resources

Need a receipt?

With tax season upon us, we have received several requests from individuals who may have lost or misplaced theirs. If you would like a copy of your donation receipt, please fill out [this form](#) and we will send it over to you soon.

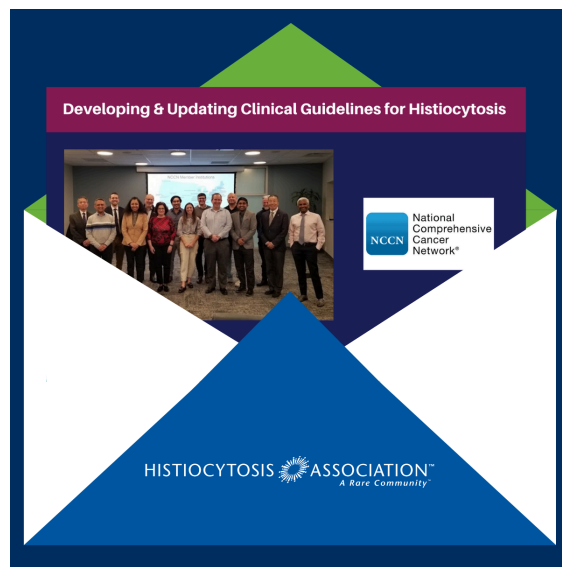
Beyond the Diagnosis Podcast



The podcast cover features a portrait of Erica Dyer on the left. To her right is the 'BEYOND THE DIAGNOSIS' logo, which includes a stylized microphone icon. Below the logo, the text reads 'Episode 076 Meet the Team: Behind the Scenes w/ Erica, Our Database Guru Now Available!'. At the bottom of the cover is a blue audio waveform.

In this episode, Kathy chats with Erica Dyer, our Database Coordinator. Erica is responsible for managing the Association's database - ensuring the security and accuracy of vital constituent information. Her work plays a key role in organizing and maintaining data that

Executive Director's Letters Blog



The blog cover is designed to look like an open envelope. The top flap is blue with the text 'Developing & Updating Clinical Guidelines for Histiocytosis'. The main body of the envelope is white and contains a photograph of a group of people standing in a hallway. To the right of the photo is the NCCN logo (National Comprehensive Cancer Network). The bottom flap of the envelope is blue and features the Histiocytosis Association logo and the text 'HISTIOCYTOSIS ASSOCIATION™ A Rare Community™'.

On this month's Executive Director's Letters Blog, Deanna recounts her time at the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Histiocytic Neoplasms Panel last month as a patient advocate.

drives our decision-making processes, contributing greatly to the success and efficiency of the organization. Thanks to Erica, the community receives relevant updates, whether it's this email, local event information, or updates on specific disease-related topics.

Listen below or wherever you find podcasts.

Here is a snippet from the blog post:

"It has always been a goal of this panel to not only develop clinical guidelines for pediatric patients, but to also add other histiocytic disorders (malignant histiocytosis, hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, xanthogranuloma)."

[Listen Now](#)

[Read the Blog Here](#)

Histio Student Scholarship Application Open Now!



The Histiocytosis Association is honored to provide an educational scholarship program for those impacted by histiocytic disorders in the United States.

The Histio Student Scholarship Program celebrates the many advances in research and medicine that are now making it possible for young adult Histio Warriors to step into that next phase of life and chase their dreams as college students.

If you're a graduating high school senior or undergraduate student with histiocytosis or a close relative of someone impacted by a histiocytic disorder (sibling, child/grandchild) we encourage you to apply for this year's scholarship.

So far we have funded **22** scholarships!

The application window for the 7th Annual Histio Student Scholarship is now open! Applications close on March 21st at 5pm.

Click below to see full eligibility requirements and apply.

[Apply for Scholarship](#)

Events

Rare Disease Day

This month is Rare Disease Month and the 28th is Rare Disease Day.

Want to get involved but aren't sure how? No worries, we've got you covered. Check out our list of "rare" tips to help you out as you spread awareness about histio!



February 28th

- Wear your stripes
- [Donate](#) to our fundraiser
- Share our posts!
- Change your profile picture!
- Share your rare story!

To get started, consider a Rare disease day profile frame! Visit [this link](#) to make your selection.

As part of Rare Disease Day at the Association, we will be showcasing a Histiocytosis Ribbon Garden, drawing attention and raising awareness for histio and those impacted by these rare disorders to the public.

This garden will be a living tribute to the individuals who have battled these rare disorders — a beautiful display that symbolizes their strength and resilience. Each ribbon will honor those warriors and angels who are fighting or have fought histiocytosis

If you're donating to honor someone, please include their name so we can write it on their ribbon, commemorating their fight.



Add to the Garden

Histio Hike



Get ready for an unforgettable weekend!

Join us for Histio Hike Shenandoah (April 25- 27) and experience the excitement of making new friendships, reconnecting with old ones, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Picture yourself by the bonfire, roasting marshmallows and enjoying s'mores, or getting inspired during our "Listen and Learn" session. There are tons of fun activities, from games and crafts to an adventurous scavenger hunt. Hike the breathtaking Appalachian Trail, explore the beauty of Shenandoah National Park, and take in the fresh Virginia air. You'll be part of something special as we honor our Histio Warriors and celebrate their incredible journeys.

Whether you're a seasoned hiker or this is your first time, we promise you'll have a blast!



First-time hiker? Reach out to Allie at events@histio.org for a special discount code if you're planning to join us for the first time in Shenandoah!

We hope you will join us for another fun and successful event this year!

Check out the website today to learn more about the Hike and how you can get involved: www.histio.org/histiohikeshen. (**Don't delay** – take advantage of early bird registration before it expires on Sunday, March 2nd)

[Register Today!](#)

Thanks to the support of friends and family like you, last year's Histio Hike Shenandoah raised over \$50,000, allowing us to award a \$5,300 scholarship to a Histio Warrior. Your continued support makes this possible again this year! [here](#).

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