

IMPACT MELANOMA

Improving **Melanoma**
Prevention, through **Awareness,**
Care & Teaching

IMPACT Melanoma provides education, prevention, and support for the most serious form of skin cancer. We are a national non-profit organization dedicated to working to reduce the incidence of skin cancer, including melanoma the deadliest form. Committed to skin cancer prevention and early detection, we provide a variety of award-winning programs which aim to raise awareness and educate the public about skin cancer, as well as support services for those struggling with the disease.

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

- Use SPF 30 sunscreen with UVA/UVB protection
- Reapply every 2 hours
- Seek shade
- Wear a hat and sunglasses with UV protection

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SUPPORT GROUPS AND
BILLY'S BUDDIES

IMPACT Melanoma offers support groups for patients dealing with the realities of melanoma. By coming together with others at support groups, patients and caregivers can:

- Gain information about this disease
- Reduce feelings of isolation
- Develop coping skills



SUPPORT GROUPS

We offer a variety of free support groups, both in person (New England) and telephonically, for patients and their caregivers. For the most current list of support groups and locations, please visit impactmelanoma.org.

THOUGHTS FROM PARTICIPANTS

*“After receiving great medical care for my melanoma over the years, Billy’s Buddies gave me the perfect opportunity to give something back to someone who needed and appreciated support. It has been a rewarding experience for me. - **Frank M.***

*“IMPACT Melanoma came through for my patient when no one else could — providing information, concrete financial assistance, and transportation. Plus, they are finding ways for a non-English speaking patient to get support from a melanoma survivor. The patient and I are both so grateful for the assistance. Obrigada! — **Goldie Eder, LICs***

BILLY’S BUDDIES

Billy’s Buddies is named in honor of Bill Walls, who wanted everyone to receive the type of support he did throughout the course of his treatment. Billy’s Buddies provides one-on-one connections with a melanoma survivor or caregiver anywhere and monetary support for non-traditional expenses for those in financial need.



GET A BUDDY

Dealing with melanoma can be overwhelming. With the guidance and support of Billy’s Buddies, there is no need to go at it alone.



BE A BUDDY

Applicants must be willing to commit to serving as a volunteer Buddy for at least two hours per month for one year. If you are a melanoma survivor

and wish to participate as a Buddy, we ask that you apply 6 months after completing your own treatment.

VOLUNTEER BUDDY TRAINING

Buddies must attend a comprehensive training in order to provide a variety of levels of support to the patient with whom they are matched. Buddies will provide active listening and support through telephone contact.

VISIT IMPACTMELANOMA.ORG TO APPLY FOR OR TO BE A BUDDY TODAY!