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Artur Jurczyszyn, M.D., PhD
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Dear Dr. Jurczyszyn:

I support with pleasure the creation of a specialized treatment center for multiple myeloma in Cracow, Poland.

There is abundant evidence that disease-focused centers that combine different treatment modalities against a specific disorder provide superior care. The accomplishments at the Mayo Clinic and at this center against myeloma and related disorders are prominent examples of such success. Such an approach not only provides superior treatment because of more experienced staff, but reduces costs by avoiding unnecessary tests, procedures, etc. of little value. Increased numbers of patients also provide a better opportunity for clinical research and future progress.

Furthermore, the major advances against myeloma in the past decade now provide the first opportunity for the cure of some patients. This is based on the recognition of increasing numbers of patients with sustained complete remission for more than ten years, an accomplishment that can be attributed to sequential application of new and more effective drug combinations, together with more intensive therapy. Centers that focus on the treatment of myeloma that includes transplant – supported intensive therapy and access to new agents, have the best capacity for such progress.

Your own record of productivity and reputation in the myeloma field place you in a fine position to lead this logical endeavor.

Sincerely,



Raymond Alexanian, M.D.