

## **Choroba Waldenstroema i zalecenia w erze COVID-19 od Jorge Castillo z Bostonu**

### **General recommendations for Waldenström macroglobulinemia patients**

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Avoid travel, unless is necessary.
- Use a mask and gloves in public places.
- Delay starting treatment if WM symptoms are manageable.
- If on treatment with chemotherapy, continue for the minimum number of cycles needed (e.g. just 4 cycles of Benda-R, BDR, CDR, etc.)
- If on treatment with maintenance rituximab, consider stopping.
- If on treatment with Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors, continue therapy without changes.
- If develop mild to moderate symptoms that could be COVID19, please stay at home and self-quarantine. Treatment with chemo and/or rituximab should be stopped. Continue BTK inhibitors.
- If symptoms that could be related to COVID19 are severe or unmanageable, please go to the nearest emergency room. Treatment with chemo and/or rituximab should be stopped. Continue BTK inhibitors, if possible.
- High serum IgM levels are not protective against COVID19.
- Current IVIG supply is not protective against COVID19.
- Testing for COVID19 is unlikely to be affected by high serum IgM levels.
- Testing for COVID19 can be negative, even if infected, in WM patients who cannot mount a proper immune response (e.g. heavily pretreated patients).