

Message Board User Guide

Using the Leukaemia CARE Message Board is a great way to ask questions, join discussions and get support from others affected by a blood cancer.

The message board is easy to use, just follow these instructions. And if you're still unsure, call the CARE Line 0800 169 6680 and speak to one of our team.

GETTING TO KNOW THE TERMS

A post

Every time something is added to a forum, it becomes a post. A post could be a reply or a stand-alone comment.

A thread

A string of posts under the same topic within a forum, in other words a conversation through posts, is known as a thread. For example, there is a bone marrow transplant thread within the ALL forum.

A forum

The message board is made up of different forums, which are divided into blood cancer types. A forum is the basis for all posts and threads.

MEMBER STATUS

When you become a message board member, you will be given a status, which relates to how often you use the message board. These are:

- New Poster (for members with less than 10 posts)
- Regular (for members with between 10 and 20 posts)
- Long-term User (for members with more than 20 posts)

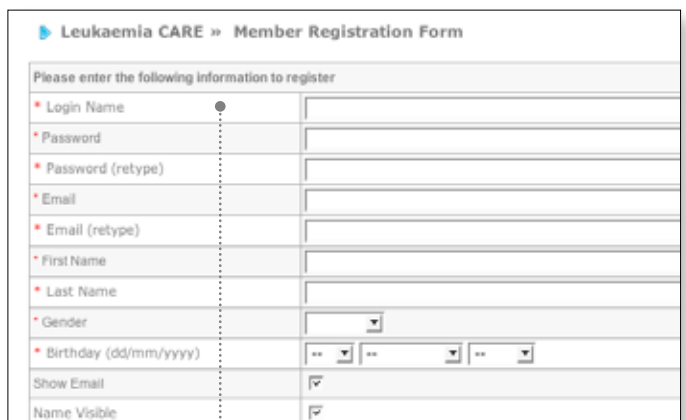
REGISTERING TO THE MESSAGE BOARD

Becoming a Leukaemia CARE Message Board member is easy...

1) Follow the link on the message board page of the website.

2) Tick the box to agree with the terms and conditions and click Register

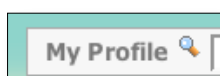
3) Fill in the Member Registration Form. Please note that you only need to fill in the first nine fields that are marked with red asterisks. In fields 10 and 11 you can choose whether you want your name and email address displayed on your posts.


Creating and Editing Your Profile

Once you are a message board member, you can create and edit your own profile containing as little or as much information as desired.

- To add to or edit your profile, sign in to the message board and click on this button
- In the editing screen, you can change your details, add photos, insert web links, and generally customise your profile.
- Within your profile, you can also add 'favourites', watch threads that you are particularly interested in and view your own posts.




My current information	
Member ID	xxxxxx
PostName	Anna
Last Name	Jessica
Gender	♀ Female

READING THE MESSAGE BOARD

The message board is split into individual forums, sorted by blood cancer type. To read a forum, click on the blood cancer name. For example, Childhood ALL.

A list of threads within that forum will appear. Choose the thread you want to read, for example, 'Removal of Hickman Line' and click on it. The posts within the chosen thread will appear in date order with the most recent post at the top.

POSTING A REPLY

When you reply to a message your post will appear at the top of the thread. You have three options:

- 1) Quick reply – this will allow you to post a textual reply.
- 2) Reply – this is a more personal option that allows you to post a textual reply and insert additional features (web links, smiley faces, images, etc) and to change fonts, colours and formatting.
- 3) Quote – if you would like to make reference to an existing post, this facility enables you to extract a section of a post and copy it into your own post.

In all three cases, once you submit your message, it will appear as the newest post within the thread. To post your message, just click this button:

You can edit your own posts through your profile section.

ADDING A THREAD

You can create a new thread within a forum by going into the forum and clicking on this button:

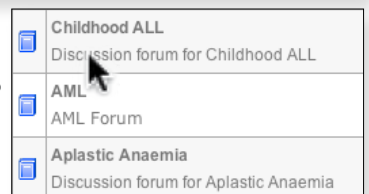
This will take you to a new the 'Post new thread' screen:

- 1) Click on the drop-down menu entitled 'Select a forum'.
- This is where you place the thread, for example, if you would like a new thread posted in AML, you would pick AML from the menu.
- 2) Type in a 'Post Topic' and the 'Post Body' – which will be the text of your post.
- 3) When you are happy with your post, click this button:

Your thread will then appear as the newest thread within the chosen forum and other members will be able to post replies to it.



Forum Name	Threads	Posts	Posts per Page
Adult ALL	9	44	No Posts
Childhood ALL	11	37	No Posts
AML	103	1742	No Posts
Aplastic Anaemia	3	15	No Posts
APML	3	20	No Posts
CLL	11	150	No Posts
CML	23	1033	No Posts
HCL	18	171	No Posts
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	1	2	No Posts
Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)			
Myeloma			
Myeloproliferative Disorders			
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma			
Other disease types			
General Chat			
Tributes			



- Childhood ALL
Discussion forum for Childhood ALL
- AML
AML Forum
- Aplastic Anaemia
Discussion forum for Aplastic Anaemia



Quick Reply Reply Quote



Reply to the post:

Post Topic: [dropdown] Re: [dropdown]

Format: Normal Mode Enhanced Mode

Post Body: [text area]

Smilies: [grid of smiley icons]

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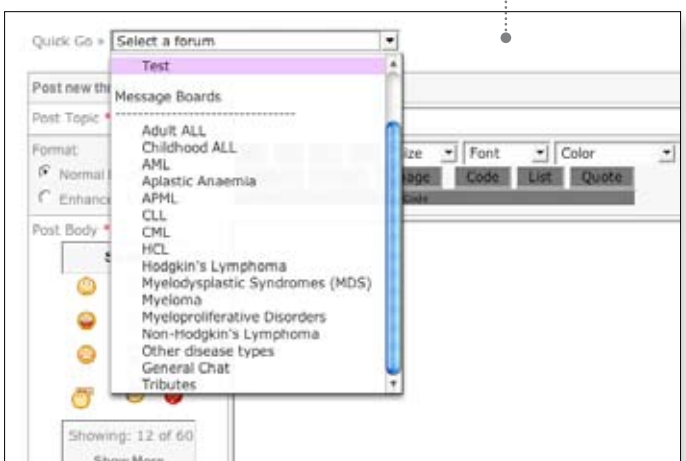
Reply to the post



New Thread



Post new thread



Quick Go: [dropdown]

Select a forum dropdown menu:

- Test
- Message Boards
- Adult ALL
- Childhood ALL
- AML
- Aplastic Anaemia
- APML
- CLL
- CML
- HCL
- Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)
- Myeloma
- Myeloproliferative Disorders
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
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Post new thread:

Post Topic: [text field]

Format: Normal Enhanced

Post Body: [text area]

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