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Blue Faery goes to Washington

Last November, Blue Faery participated in the Liver Cancer Roundtable — the first ever national discussion about liver cancer. Organized by the [Caring Ambassadors Program](#), the Liver Cancer Roundtable brought together leading experts including hepatologists, transplant surgeons and oncologists; government employees from CDC, NIH and HHS; pharmaceutical company representatives; and charities in order to create a liver cancer action plan. As the only nonprofit in the United States solely devoted to fighting liver cancer, Blue Faery was invited to give our perspective about the disease.



Apply for the Blue Faery Award

Blue Faery is proud to announce the call for submissions and nominations for the fifth annual Blue Faery Award (BFA) for Excellence in Liver Cancer Research. Blue Faery created the award to recognize medical professionals who develop innovative research in the fight against HCC, which currently has no cure. Previous BFA winners include Dr. Mark Feitelson (Temple University); Dr. Snorri S. Thorgeirsson (NCI); and Dr. William Coleman (UNC). Visit our [Blue Faery Award](#) page for details. Applications and nominations are due January 31, 2014. Please contact [Andrea Wilson](#) with any questions.



Meet New Medical Research Committee Advisor Kaitlyn Musto

Kaitlyn is a board certified physician assistant who completed her B.S. in biology at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and M.S. in physician assistant studies at South University in Savannah, Georgia. She was awarded an NP/PA AASLD Hepatology Fellowship and has developed a keen interest in liver masses, specifically Hepatocellular Carcinoma. Kaitlyn is excited to be an advisor to Blue Faery's Medical Research Committee and have the opportunity to help Blue Faery provide information and education about HCC in hopes of facilitating awareness and treatment.

Apply for Disability Benefits if You Have Liver Cancer

By Molly Clarke

The Social Security Administration (SSA) offers disability benefits to those who cannot work due to liver cancer. The SSA offers two main types of benefits: SSDI — offered to disabled workers who have paid Social Security taxes throughout their careers and SSI — offered to disabled individuals who earn limited income. To qualify for SSI, applicants must fall within the financial limits.



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...ency. Typically, your cancer will have to be inoperable, recurrent and included in the Compassionate Allowance Listings. Through this process, you can qualify for benefits in as little as ten days.

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You will need to prepare for the application process by gathering medical documentation, financial records and employment information. Begin the application online or by telephone. Complete the application forms with consistent, relevant and detailed information. Your responses should give the SSA insight into the limitations that you face each day.

After submitting your application, you may receive a decision in as little as ten days or as long as several months. Be aware that many applications are denied upon initial submission and are only approved after filing an appeal. For this reason, you should not give up if the SSA rejects your initial claim.

For more information, visit the following page: <http://www.disability-benefits-help.org/compassionate-allowances/liver-cancer-and-social-security-disability>



Do you have a liver cancer news story?

[Email Andrea](mailto:info@bluefaery.org) if you have a story that you think would be of interest for our quarterly newsletter. Put "Blue Faery Newsletter" in the subject line, and we will consider it for our next edition.

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