IN the summer of 2006, Boston University’s Slone Epidemiology Center began its myeloma patient registry. Known as the Patient Registries at Slone: Myeloma, this national registry enrolls patients who have recently been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Participants complete questionnaires at enrollment and every six months thereafter. Boston University researchers are analyzing information collected from these questionnaires and from participants’ medical records to help doctors and other health care providers better understand the effects of myeloma and its treatments on patients’ well-being. The map above shows where participants reside. They come from all across the US, and their representation by geographic region is generally consistent with the regional numbers in the US census.

Registry staff are busy contacting participants who have not yet had the opportunity to complete their questionnaires by mail or on the internet. Trained interviewers are happy to spend time taking the questionnaire information by telephone. The study director, Dr. David Kaufman, is shown above with two staff members, Doreen Keyes (right), Research Assistant, and Jean McDonald, RN, Nurse Interviewer and Medical Record Abstractor. David, Doreen, Jean, and all our staff would be happy to answer your questions about the registry and look forward to talking with you. We thank you for your interest in the Registry and for your continued participation.

A WORD FROM...  

**Dr. Kenneth Anderson**  
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"The myeloma patient registry will provide important information about the 'real world' experiences of myeloma patients by following them from shortly after their diagnosis forward over time. We genuinely appreciate the time and effort registry participants take to answer our questionnaires and are eager to begin analyzing the valuable information you provide."
Do you have questions about the Registry?
Has your name, address, or telephone number changed?
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Please feel free to share this newsletter with others who may be interested in learning more about this project. You will find copies on our website at:

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The Registry has been approved by the Boston University Institutional Review Board and is conducted with the guidance of an independent Advisory Board.