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Being a part of a support group is a great way to discuss ITP with others that *truly understand*.

From medications and other treatments, to quality of life issues, we've all been there and can help one another by sharing our experiences.

Meetings

The *approximate* dates of our meetings are as follows:

APRIL
JULY
NOVEMBER

Be sure to check our website or your email for exact dates, times, agenda, & locations. Dates are subject to change.

Support for ITP Patients, Their Families, & Their Friends

About

Idiopathic or Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) is an autoimmune disorder where the body destroys platelets. Platelets are essential to the body's blood clotting process, and when a person doesn't have enough it can cause all sorts of different problems. In rare cases, even death.

ITP is a scary roller coaster ride, and the Chicagoland ITP Support Group was created in order to help patients and their families and friends cope with the disorder.

Founded in September 2007 by 2 ITP patients in the area, the Chicagoland ITP Support Group is an independent affiliate of the Platelet Disorder Support Association based out of Maryland.

Our goal is to provide a support network for others who are dealing with ITP, or are caregivers to someone with ITP.

We have a website, and also a discussion forum online so that we can provide information to our members and prospective members electronically, and so that we can 'be there' for one another even when we're not attending a meeting.

Members

Whether you're dealing with ITP, or have a family member or friend with ITP—we welcome you!

We welcome you even if your platelet counts have been normal for years due to a treatment or just because you're in remission. We want you to share your stories with others, and give them hope!

A support network of 'real live other people' who are dealing with the same things you are dealing with, and understand the 'roller coaster' that is ITP, is one of the best ways to cope with the disorder.

If you are interested in attending meetings, or helping out with the group, please let us know! We'd be happy to have you!

There is NO MEMBERSHIP FEE!

Email:

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Please let us know where you live (city, state), and if you're an ITP patient, caregiver, friend, or medical professional.

Meetings

Our meetings are held quarterly, as mentioned in the 'About' section of this brochure.

We've made the decision, at this time to have a 'floating' meeting location. We've found that the participants in our meetings so far, come from varying locations across the Chicago area and Northern Illinois—even from Southern Wisconsin!

Our 'Inaugural Meeting,' in November 2007 was held in Grayslake, Illinois. Our 2nd meeting was held in Hanover Park, Illinois (Schaumburg Area). Meetings usually last between 1 1/2 and 2 hours, and are held from 10am-1pm on a Saturday, unless otherwise specified.

We try to provide coffee and water at each meeting, and usually a few people who are attending will bring snacks. It will all depend on what the facility itself allows.

We are always looking for other meeting locations that are free of charge, but most libraries require that the person making the reservation be a card holder.

If you're interested in becoming part of the team that helps procure meeting locations, or have an idea for a meeting place in your area—let us know!