

free, personal websites for cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers

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MyLifeLine.org Cancer Foundation represents patients being treated for all types of cancer, including breast cancer. We believe it is critical for patients to have access to all treatments necessary, which should be determined on an individual basis by professional oncologists and their teams.

We have serious concerns about the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** plans to begin the process to withdraw approval of Avastin (bevacizumab) as a treatment for metastatic breast cancer.

We understand that Roche/Genentech, the manufacturer of bevacizumab, plans to appeal the FDA's decision, and we strongly encourage the FDA to provide Genentech/Roche with a fair hearing before pulling treatment options away from patients who could benefit.

Regardless of the FDA's ultimate ruling, **MyLifeLine.org Cancer Foundation** encourages insurance carriers and the federal government to continue reimbursing payment for Avastin for women currently responding to this agent.

Additionally, we strongly encourage the manufacturer to continue its program to assist women in need who are taking Avastin and are responding.

Thank you,

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About MyLifeLine.org Cancer Foundation:

MyLifeLine.org believes a strong support community is critical for cancer patients. Everyday we provide free, personal websites to cancer patients and caregivers to easily connect with family and friends, because no patient should ever feel alone.

