

# ASH 2017

The American Society of Hematology annual conference just concluded. It was estimated that over 25,000 hematologists and researchers attended from all over the world. It was a jam packed four days with presentations running from 7:30 am to well into the evening.

Christine James, Pam Miller, and I attended for SDSF and we were joined this year by Carol Kolar from the Shwachman-Diamond Project.

We spoke to hematologists from numerous countries, both pediatric and adult specialists. Some of the countries represented were India, China, Lithuania, Russia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, among others.

Several of our medical advisors gave presentations on their research as well.

One of the interesting discussions we heard in the sessions was that bone marrow diseases are no longer considered a pediatric problem. It was stressed that adult hematologists should be prepared to care for adult patients.

Another important take away from this year's conference is that there were more presentations on SDS than there have ever been in the past. It is our great wish that this trend continues and with your help, we will continue to raise awareness towards SDS.



From Left to Right: Dr. Shimamura, Carol Kolar, Christine James, Joan Mowery, Pamela Miller, & Dr. Ruiz-Guitterez



From Left to Right: Doctors Eightany, Liu, & Corey



From Left to Right: Pamela Miller & Dr. Myers