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## Becoming an Alcor Member

Becoming an Alcor member is easy and surprisingly affordable, if you are in good health and eligible for life insurance, which will pay for your cryopreservation. (If you are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details.)

[ALCOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS](#)

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## Arizona Team's Back-to-Back Responses

This past month, Alcor was faced with three members who were admitted to hospice with end-stage conditions. On back-to-back days, two of our members were cryopreserved while the third member's condition has temporarily improved.

Through careful planning, we were able to have two members admitted into the same Hospice of the Valley facility, literally across the hall from each other. This allowed Alcor's Arizona team to carefully monitor both members' conditions simultaneously, 24 hours a day. Having three team members and Alcor's Rescue Vehicle on site, we were able to provide immediate stabilization and cool down procedures and exceptionally quick transfer from time of pronouncement to Alcor's surgery suite in 40 minutes and 32 minutes, respectively.

These cases were very important as they tested numerous benchmarks of Alcor's abilities:

- How quickly Alcor could recover and reset for another patient.
  - The abilities of the redeveloped and retrained Arizona team.
  - The functionality of the recently remodeled Rescue Vehicle.
  - The application of new stabilization equipment and supplies.
  - The effectiveness of promoting that Alcor members relocate to Scottsdale when they enter into hospice.
- The real benefit of all of our preparations, training and planning is to our members, who reportedly received excellent perfusions.

## Alcor's Newest Patients

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#### Alcor's 93rd Patient (April 14th)

Chihiro Asaumi (Yumi, A-2361), a member of Alcor for about two years, had relocated with her husband to the Scottsdale area. Suffering from metastatic breast cancer, her condition had worsened, apparently after a change in her medication. With surgical intervention no longer an option, she was accepted by Hospice of the Valley on an outpatient basis in late March.

Until Yumi met the requirements for inpatient care, hospice nurses regularly visited her at home. During this time, we communicated almost daily with her husband and the hospice personnel. When it became apparent Yumi had transitioned to the "active dying process," her husband transferred her to inpatient care at a facility, located about 10 minutes from Alcor central.

The evening before her transfer, we launched a standby, which ultimately lasted four days. She was pronounced on April 14th with the Alcor standby team at her bedside. The emergency stabilization process was begun immediately following pronouncement, and she arrived at Alcor 40 minutes later. She is now in long-term care as Alcor's 93rd patient.

#### Alcor's 94th patient (April 15th)

Wesley du Charme (Wes, A-1614), a member for nearly 14 years, was recently diagnosed with end-stage pancreatic cancer after battling brain cancer for an extended period of time. After determining that additional treatments would be futile and the time required for treatments would only reduce the likelihood he would be well enough for travel, Wes and his wife packed their bags and flew to Arizona. The flight was challenging for Wes, given his condition, but he said that getting close to Alcor was worth the effort.

Wes was admitted to Hospice of the Valley and after five days as an inpatient, Wes took a turn for the worse. Having just completed Yumi's cryopreservation, Alcor was back on standby with little recuperation time. On April 15th, about 30 hours after Yumi was pronounced, Wes became Alcor's 94th patient. Again, the Alcor standby team was on-site and began stabilization immediately upon pronouncement, arriving at Alcor with the patient only 32 minutes later.

#### Alcor's 92nd Patient

This past February, one of the original founders of Suspended Animation, Inc., and long time member of Alcor, David Hayes, suffered a seizure at his home in Florida. As the seizure was witnessed, 911 was called and David was taken to the local Emergency Department. He was pronounced when efforts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

Due to David's youthful age of 46, his clinical death was referred to the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's office. Alcor initially tried to prevent the autopsy from occurring, however the medical examiner said he was obligated under the law to perform the autopsy unless the court said otherwise. Through legal counsel, Alcor was successful in negotiating with the courts to allow for a

virtual autopsy to be performed in place of the typically more invasive procedure. After a CT scan was performed and the medical examiner was satisfied with the results, they agreed to release the body to Suspended Animation, who was working on Alcor's behalf.

Since three and a half days had elapsed from the time David was pronounced until Alcor received custody of the body, it was decided that a dry ice shipment through commercial airlines was the best option. Suspended Animation made the arrangements, prepared the shipment and David arrived in Scottsdale the following day. David Hayes (A-1712L) became Alcor's 92nd patient.

### Alcor Position Announcements

In order to continue to advance the technology and emergency response capabilities of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation, we are pleased to announce two available positions. These positions are an exciting opportunity to participate at the frontiers of current scientific knowledge.

The Alcor Foundation seeks a Technical Coordinator and a Readiness Coordinator for its dedicated team in Scottsdale, Arizona. The [Technical Coordinator](#) is responsible for designing and operating the equipment necessary to perform human cryopreservations and for planning short-term and long-term technology strategies in conjunction with experts in the field. The [Readiness Coordinator](#) will play an essential role in maintaining logistical readiness for cryonics cases and assisting with the stabilization and transport of cryonics patients.

### READINESS AND TRANSPORT

#### Member Watch List

Alcor currently has eleven of its members being closely monitored due to health concerns. The Deployment Committee is working closely with these individual's health care providers to determine if and when a standby would be warranted.

[Rescue Ice Bath Photo](#)

### NEW STATISTICS (As April 29, 2010)

#### Membership

Alcor had 918 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Four (4) memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, four (4) membership was cancelled due to financial hardships and two (2) members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of two (2) members this month.

#### Applicants

Alcor had 57 applicants for membership. Four (4) new applicants were added, four (4) applicants were converted to members and no applicants were cancelled resulting in zero net gain or loss of applicants for this month.

#### Information Packets

Alcor received 170 information packet requests. fourteen (14) were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 206 info packs sent per month in 2010 is compared to 188 in 2009.

#### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 1:00 PM (MT). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

#### DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON ALCOR WEBSITE

Now our valued supporters can [make a charitable donation](#) anytime just by clicking the "Donate" button on the Alcor website.

Alcor has a long, proud tradition of innovation and technical excellence in the field of cryonics. Your gift will make a difference in our quest for better cryopreservations.

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