

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

MGUS

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
(mug-us)	MGUS... IT SOUNDS LIKE A GROUP INVITATION TO STREET CRIME. BUT MEDICALLY SPEAKING, MUG-US IS SHORT FOR...
Angela Dispenzieri, M.D.	"MONOCLONAL GAMMOPATHY OF UNDETERMINED SIGNIFICANCE."
	WHAT THAT MEANS EXPLAINS DR. ANGELA DISPENZIERI, A MAYO CLINIC HEMATOLOGIST, IS THAT THERE IS AN ABNORMAL PROTEIN IN THE BLOOD. IT'S A FAIRLY COMMON CONDITION, AFFECTING ABOUT THREE PERCENT OF PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 50. FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IT CAUSES NO SIGNS, NO SYMPTOMS

	AND NO PROBLEMS. BUT....
Dr. Dispenzieri	“FOR SOME PEOPLE IT’S A PRECANCEROUS CONDITION.”
	BUT BECAUSE WE REALLY CAN’T TELL WHO THAT MIGHT BE, DR. DISPENZIERI SAYS PATIENTS WITH MGUS ARE MONITORED TO DETERMINE THEIR RISK. TYPICALLY THAT INVOLVES A YEARLY BLOOD TEST. THAT WAY, PROBLEMS THAT DEVELOP CAN BE DIAGNOSED AND TREATED EARLY.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.