

Hospital for Special Surgery  
535 East 70th Street, New York, NY

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**Dr. Harry Spiera** is a Rheumatologist and Clinical Professor of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Co-Chair of the Tri-State, Inc. Chapter's Medical Advisory Board and; Recipient of the Scleroderma Foundation's Distinguished Physician Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Dr. Robert Lafyatis** is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine with residencies at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Bowman and the National Institutes of Health with fellowships at the National Institutes of Health. He presently is a professor of medicine with major clinical interests in systemic sclerosis and systemic lupus erythematosus at Boston University Medical Center. Dr. Lafyatis carries out patient oriented research into the cause and treatment of systemic sclerosis. This includes early phase clinical trials into new therapeutic agents in patients with systemic sclerosis. He is investigating the mechanisms of actions and markers of response for novel therapeutics. He is leading an effort in the study of biomarkers in systemic sclerosis. The goals of these studies are to find molecular markers for disease activity and progression that improve treatment and permit smaller, faster clinical trials. Ongoing studies include investigation into molecular markers of pulmonary hypertension in systemic sclerosis.



**Dr. Robert Spiera** is a graduate of Yale University School of Medicine with his residency at New York Hospital in internal medicine. He went on to a Rheumatology Fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery. He is presently a professor of clinical medicine and director of vasculitis and scleroderma programs at the Hospital for Special Surgery. He is active in the care of scleroderma patients both as a clinician and a researcher. He is also involved in clinical trials hoping to define better therapies for scleroderma. Co-Chair of the Tri-State, Inc. Chapter's Medical Advisory Board, Dr. Spiera is the recipient of the Scleroderma Foundation's Research Award in 2005.

**Dr. Jessica Gordon** is a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. She is currently a senior research fellow in rheumatology at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. She is also a clinician and a clinical/translational researcher at Hospital for Special Surgery where she serves as a co-investigator with Robert Spiera, MD in the Gleevec in Systemic Sclerosis Clinical Trial and in the Scleroderma Registry. She has presented some of her work at the American College of Rheumatology national meetings.



## Program

12:30 PM Registration & **Light Lunch (if arrive at 12:30 PM)**

1:00 PM Welcome from Tri-State  
Margaret Sullivan  
Director of Patient Education and Support

1:05 PM Welcome from Medical Advisory Board  
Dr. Harry Spiera  
Co-Chair of Tri-State, Inc. Chapter's Medical Advisory Board

1:10 PM *Advances in Understanding the  
Pathogenesis of Scleroderma*  
Robert Lafyatis, MD

1:55 PM Break

2:05 PM *Update on the 2010 ACR meeting*  
Robert Spiera, MD

2:50 PM Break

3:00 PM *New Directions in Scleroderma Research*  
Jessica Gordon, MD

3:45 PM Break

3:55 PM Panel Question & Answer Period  
Moderated by Dr. Harry Spiera

4:15 PM Closing Remarks

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# SCLERODERMA RESEARCH FORUM

**Sunday, November 21, 2010**

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## Subway & Parking

If you're coming by **subway**, take the #6 (green) local train to East 68<sup>th</sup> Street & Lexington Ave. Take the M66 eastbound crosstown bus to the last stop at York Ave and 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk two blocks uptown to 70<sup>th</sup> Street. The hospital is located on 70<sup>th</sup> Street between York Ave & the FDR at 535 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

If you are **driving**, directions will vary to the Hospital's parking garage located at 535 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, directly across from the hospital's entrance.

**Parking Procedures:** The Tri-State, Inc. Chapter will subsidize your parking costs. Your parking cost will be \$5. A Chapter representative will give you a **PAID** parking voucher for \$5. You will need this voucher to retrieve your car after the meeting at this reduced cost.

**Light Lunch if arrive at 12:30 PM**

**Thanks to the hard work and participation of many...**

- Since 2003, the Tri-State Chapter has provided \$1,200,000 to the Scleroderma Foundation.
- The Scleroderma Foundation has expended \$10.8 million funding research from 2003-2010.
- Since 2000, contributions have helped to fund \$1.25 million of research within New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.
- The Tri-State, Inc. Chapter has 14 active support groups.
- Educational forums are held throughout the Tri-State area at no cost to participants. Go to [www.sclerodermavideo.com](http://www.sclerodermavideo.com) to view many of our past educational forum speakers.



**The mission of the Scleroderma Foundation/Tri-State, Inc. Chapter is three fold:**

To provide educational and emotional support to people with scleroderma and their families; to stimulate and support research designed to identify the cause and cure of scleroderma as well as improve methods of treatment and; to enhance the public's awareness of this disease.

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Call: 607-723-2239 or 800-867-0885;  
Fax: 607-723-2039;  
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I will be attending the NYC Research Forum on Sunday, November 21, 2010 and will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends with me.

**Please print information below:**

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