



Dear Friend:

Thank you for your recent inquiry about scleroderma. Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date information, including resources that provide a better understanding of scleroderma, as well as helpful strategies for coping with the challenges people with scleroderma may face. As you begin to learn about scleroderma, it is important to remember that its symptoms and the severity of the disease vary greatly from person to person.

Become a Member

You don't have to face scleroderma alone! By joining the Scleroderma Foundation, you become part of a nationwide family that is dedicated to supporting those affected by this disease and working to find a cure. Membership also ensures that you receive the most important and up-to-date information through our quarterly magazine, the *Scleroderma Voice*, plus, information about support group meetings, patient education programs, physician referrals, peer counseling and more. Don't miss these member benefits.

What's Happening in Your Local Area

The Scleroderma Foundation has a nationwide network of chapters and support groups that offers numerous opportunities that may be of interest to you. These include educational programs to learn more about the disease; networking with others who are living with scleroderma; opportunities to get involved in efforts to raise awareness about scleroderma; support patient education programs; and raise money to fund some of the most promising research to find a cause and cure. You'll find a list of chapters and support groups enclosed. If you live in an area served by a chapter or support group, we urge you to contact them to find out what's happening in your community.

We Are Here for You

We hope that you'll join us in supporting those living with this disease and working to find a cure by donating to the mission of the Scleroderma Foundation. Whether or not you become a member, we encourage you to contact the National Office or any of our chapters if we can be of assistance. Find out more about the Foundation and the disease on our website at www.scleroderma.org.

The Scleroderma Foundation is a national support system dedicated to helping each other - and working toward the day when a cure is found. Please join us!

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Riggs
Chief Executive Officer