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Allsup Awards Disability Literacy Grant to the Scleroderma Foundation



Supporters' Facebook posts garner funds; raise awareness of the need to "fight scleroderma"

Belleville, Ill. - Jan 23, 2014 -

Scleroderma Foundation supporters posting why they "fight scleroderma," on Facebook, earned the organization a \$2,500 grant from Allsup, the company announced today. Allsup is a nationwide provider of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) representation.

"The posts we received on [Allsup's Facebook page](#) during Scleroderma Awareness Month in June personalized the impact this disease has on individuals, families and friends and reflected the fighting spirit of the scleroderma community," said Tai Venuti, Allsup manager of strategic alliances.

The posts were part of the [Scleroderma Foundation's](#) participation in the **Allsup Post for a PurposeSM** initiative, designed to increase disability literacy.

[Read the rest of the press release online >>](#)

Register Now for the National Patient Education Conference!

We're already at the half year mark until the 16th annual Scleroderma Foundation National Patient Education conference. This one-of-a-kind patient education event will be held July 25-27, 2014, in Anaheim,

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Calif., just steps away from all of the exciting fun of the Disneyland Resort and other sunny California attractions

- and there's plenty of time left to register!

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There's also still time to send in applications for the Conference scholarship program. Conference scholarships are intended for those who would be unable to attend without outside financial assistance. The deadline for scholarship applications is 5 p.m. Eastern Friday, March 14, 2014.

[Click here to view the scholarship guidelines and to download the application >>](#)

Remember to bookmark www.scleroderma.org/conference! This will be your online destination for the latest conference information and resources to help you plan your trip.

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Cancer Mutation Likely Trigger of Scleroderma

Johns Hopkins scientists have found evidence that cancer triggers the autoimmune disease scleroderma. A report on the discovery, published in the Dec. 5 issue of Science, also suggests that a normal immune system is critical for preventing the development of





common types of cancer.

According to researchers, patients with scleroderma often make immune proteins or antibodies to another protein, called RPC1. These antibodies are believed to cause the organ damage characteristic of the disease, and the reason behind this antibody production has remained unknown. The Johns Hopkins team showed that cancers from a majority of patients with severe scleroderma had a mutation in a gene called POLR3A, which codes for RPC1. These alterations created a “foreign” form of the RPC1 protein, which they say appears to trigger an immune response.

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