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## Empower Yourself with Scleroderma Education at Our National Conference



Don't miss out on the once-in-a-lifetime experience of the 2014 National Patient Education Conference presented by the Scleroderma Foundation. This year's event will be held in Anaheim, CA, just steps away from the entrance to The *Disneyland*® Resort and other famous southern California attractions. As a conference attendee, you'll receive insightful, meaningful educational and research-related information in a supportive environment. We are proud to offer more than 50 workshops, dozens of exhibitors and the chance to meet other patients and caregivers from around the world. This is an experience that you don't want to miss!

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## Study Could Lead to New Treatments for Tissue

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## Scarring



A discovery by Northwestern Scleroderma Program scientists could lead to potential new treatments for breaking the vicious cycle of tissue scarring in people with scleroderma. Fibrosis or scarring is a hallmark of the disease, and progressive tightening of the skin and lung can lead to serious organ damage and, in some cases

death. The study centers on findings made by Swati Bhattacharyya, PhD, research assistant professor in Medicine-Rheumatology, and Dr. John Varga, John and Nancy Hughes Distinguished Professor of Rheumatology and director of the Northwestern Scleroderma Program.

[Read the entire study at Scleroderma.org >>](#)



## PH Treatments: What's On the Horizon - Online Presentation



**Date:** Tuesday, Apr 29, 2014  
**Time:** 12:00 PM EDT

With the recent FDA approval of three new treatments in just a few months, the past year has brought exciting advances in PH research! Join Dr. Michael McGoon of the Mayo Clinic for a presentation on the current treatments available for PH, as well as new treatments in the pipeline.

[Register for the presentation >>](#)

## DEA Event - Take Back Your Meds



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and participating local law enforcement are coordinating a nationwide drug "take-back" day on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This one-day event will provide residents with no cost anonymous collection of unwanted and expired medicines.

[Learn more at takebackyourmeds.org >>](#)

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