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Calling All Patients! Join the Tri-State Chapter on the Today Show Plaza to Help Bring Attention to Scleroderma



On Sunday, June 29, join the Tri-State Chapter on the Today Show Plaza at Rockefeller Center in New York City to help bring attention to Scleroderma and World Scleroderma Awareness Day. Let's show our colors and our passion by coming together as a community!

Arrangements have been made for patients to have reserved seating and/or space for wheelchairs available on a first come, first serve basis. **One catch, for the reserved space, you need to RSVP by Monday, June 23 at 5:00 p.m.** Please contact Tri-State Volunteer Eric Goldstein at (646) 275-4178 or sclerodermen@scleroderma.org.

If you plan to attend, consider making a sign/banner/poster to show your support. Wear teal. Make a poster to remember someone you love that lost their battle with scleroderma. We need a big crowd to show our solidarity in pursuit of the cause of and cure for scleroderma. We can gain national exposure at this venue, so please make every effort to attend.

Event Details

RSVP: Requested for those in need of wheelchair accommodations or seating. (see details above)

Time: Arrive by 7:00 a.m. if not in reserved seating. The broadcast starts at 9:00 a.m., but we will want to get organized early.

Location: The Today Show Plaza is located in Rockefeller Center between 48th & 49th streets & 5th Ave & the Avenue of the Americas (6th Ave.).

Security: Expect to go through security on 48th Street before being admitted.

Dress the Part: Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. The show goes on rain or shine. Wear teal, wear your walk T-shirt, bring your Tri-State umbrella, etc. Don't forget to bring sun protection, snacks, and water.



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Webinar: Understanding Interstitial Lung Disease in Systemic Sclerosis



As part of "Scleroderma Week at the ATS" and in conjunction with PAR partner the Scleroderma Foundation, the American Thoracic Society (ATS) will present a free webinar held on Thursday, June 26th at 3:00 p.m. Eastern. The webinar is entitled, "Understanding Interstitial Lung Disease in Systemic Sclerosis" hosted by Tracy Frech, MD, MS of the University of Utah.

[Click here to register for the webinar >>](#)

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. Space is limited, so make sure to register soon.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees

Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

Ask the Experts: Scleroderma Webchat with Soumya Chatterjee, MD and Kristin Highland, MD



Take this opportunity to learn more about scleroderma and have your questions answered by Cleveland Clinic specialists, rheumatologist Soumya Chatterjee, MD and pulmonologist Kristin Highland, MD.

Date and Time:

June 26, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EST

Soumya Chatterjee, MD, MS, FRCP, is a staff physician in the Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases. He completed an internal medicine residency and a rheumatology fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He also has a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Chatterjee is a general rheumatologist who sees patients with complex, multisystem rheumatologic conditions. He specializes in scleroderma, Raynaud phenomenon, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and myositis.



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Kristin Highland MD, is a Staff Member in the Department of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Highland completed her fellowship and is board certified in both rheumatology and pulmonology. Her research interests are in scleroderma interstitial lung disease and pulmonary hypertension. She is recognized as a national and international clinical expert in pulmonary manifestations of connective tissue diseases and has served on the Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease steering committee for the American College of Chest Physicians.

[Click here to register for the webinar >>](#)

Inspire to Surpass 500,000 Members



Inspire, the social network for health, is about to reach the 500,000 member milestone.

Inspire CEO Brian Loew announced the news on June 16 at the Drug Information Association (DIA) Annual Meeting. Loew was part of a panel discussion, "Engaging Patients through Digital and Social Media Communities," at the conference.

"I am so proud of everyone at Inspire as well as our 107 patient advocacy partners who helped us reach this point. Making it possible for so many patients to help accelerate research is why we're here," said Loew.

In the fall, Inspire is expected to celebrate another milestone, the billionth word written by members in the community.

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