

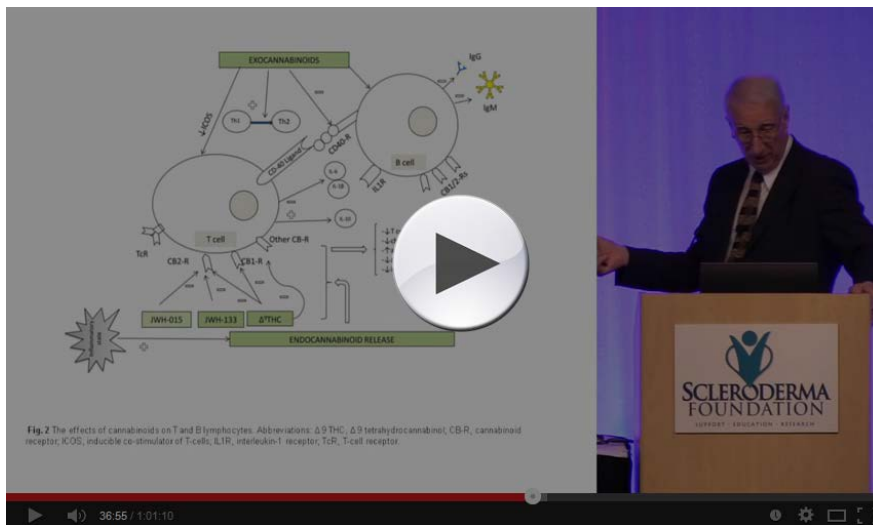
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Video: Marijuana-Derived Potential Therapeutics for Scleroderma



The body produces several cannabinoids (a class of biologically active compounds also found in cannabis sativa, or marijuana) that affect the function of cells in the brain and in most tissues of the body by binding to structures on cells called receptors. These cannabinoids and receptors make up the “endocannabinoid system.” In this session by Dr. Arnold Postlethwaite, learn how the endocannabinoid system regulates blood vessel constriction and about functions of the immune system and fibrosis with particular relevance to systemic sclerosis. Also discussed is the potential for drugs derived from non-psychoactive cannabinoids as therapeutics to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension, autoimmunity and fibrosis.

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Housing Choice Vouchers Fact Sheet



The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family

homes, townhouses and apartments.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

If you are interested in applying for a voucher, contact your [local PHA](#). For further assistance, please contact the [HUD Office](#) nearest to you.

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Halloween Gluten-Free Candy List



Last week, we warned you to be on the lookout for [hidden gluten in your Halloween candy](#), and this week we have a whole list of candy for you to pick from! The Celiac Disease Foundation has compiled their latest list of gluten-free candy, which is available [here as a downloadable PDF](#).

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Some Over-the-Counter Medicines May Affect Your Driving



Drowsiness is a common side-effect of many over-the-counter medicines, and it's an important one to be aware of when you're operating a vehicle. Drowsiness affects your ability to drive and operate machinery safely. It's important to read the entire Drug Facts label on any over-the-counter medicine you take.



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