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Video: Stem Cell Transplant - A Patient's Persepctive



Hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT) are showing a lot of promise in the treatment of aggressive scleroderma. In this session from the 2014 National Patient Education Conference, hear from a patient and her husband about what HSCT is and is not, their decision to pursue HSCT, how they chose the clinical trial route, and learn about the experience itself from evaluation through recovery.

[Watch the video on YouTube >>](#)[Go to the Scleroderma Foundation's YouTube channel to view more
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Stay tuned to the weekly eLetter as we share more videos from this year's Conference!

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ATS PAR Events Meeting



This November, 15 organizations from across the country that advocate on behalf of patients living with lung diseases and sleep disorders will gather for the annual American Thoracic Society's (ATS) Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) meeting in Miami to collaborate with the ATS on patient-centered events for 2015. ATS PAR members support the ATS in its education initiatives for members, policymakers, and the public and help stimulate research by partnering with the Society in investigator grants.

[Read the entire article at the ATS website >>](#)

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Invites You to Their Attend Their Next Webinar

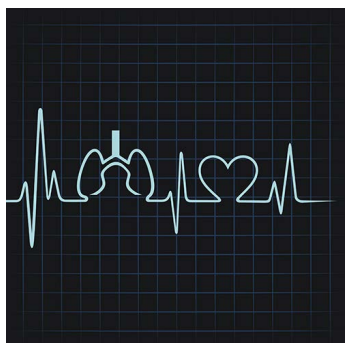


The Pulmonary Fibrosis will be holding a new webinar on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST. The webinar will be titled "Autoimmune Related Pulmonary Fibrosis" and will be presented by Aryeh Fischer, MD, PFF Medical Advisory Board Member and Chief, Division of Rheumatology at National Jewish Health

in Denver, Colorado.

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

The Respiratory System



Learning about the respiratory system can be a helpful tool to better understanding the effects of scleroderma. The respiratory system is made up of organs and tissues that help you breathe. The main parts of this system are the airways, the lungs and linked blood vessels, and the muscles that enable breathing.

[Learn more about the respiratory system at the NIH website >>](#)

Disclaimer: The Scleroderma Foundation in no way endorses any drugs, treatments, clinical trials, or studies reported in the eLetter. Information is provided to keep the readers informed. Because the manifestations and severity of scleroderma vary among individuals, personalized medical management is essential. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all drugs and treatments be discussed with the reader's physician(s) for proper evaluation and treatment.



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