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## There's Still Time to Step Out to Support the Scleroderma Foundation This Year



There are still "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" walks happening in towns across the U.S. this fall. Events are scheduled in the coming weeks in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Colorado, Indiana, Texas and Florida.

Grab your family and friends, put a team together and support someone living with scleroderma by walking or fundraising to support these special events.

Visit [www.scleroderma.org/walks](http://www.scleroderma.org/walks) to find an event near you and register online!

## A New Model for Drug Discovery at MUSC Attracts Two New Industry Partnerships



discovery," says Lackey.

"We've done drug discovery the same way for 50 to 60 years and we're stuck. It's time to try something new," says Lackey. "Separately, I don't think either the pharmaceutical industry or the academic world has the answer. But if we could integrate the best of both those worlds and could change the 90% failure rate to 80% or 70%, that would be huge."

Karen Lackey, Director of the South Carolina Center for Therapeutic Discovery and Development, led successful drug discovery efforts in the pharmaceutical industry for more than 25 years, has now joined the Medical University of South Carolina on a mission. "The reason I am here is that I believe there is a better way to do drug

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## What is Chronic Disease?



Chronic Disease is a long-lasting condition that can be controlled but not cured. Chronic illness affects the population worldwide. As described by the Centers for Disease Control, chronic disease is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States. Although chronic diseases are among the most common and costly health

problems, they are also among the most preventable and most can be effectively controlled.

[Read the entire article at the Center for Managing Chronic Disease >>](#)

## Free Downloadable Booklet: Care for the Family Caregiver



EmblemHealth and the National Alliance for Caregiving are offering this free, downloadable booklet, "Care for the Family Caregiver." The booklet addresses family caregivers, those who care for relatives and loved ones. Learn more about what caregiving requires, training resources, the costs of caregiving, and so much more.

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