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African-American Patient Education Day is Only One Month Away!



There's only a month left until the Scleroderma Foundation's second African-American Patient Education Day! It will be held on Saturday, March 22, in Philadelphia, PA. Join us, along with Virginia Steen, M.D., of Georgetown University Medical Center, and Laura K.

Hummers, M.D., of Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, for the all-day learning event that will specifically look at how the African-American population is affected by the disease.

The event will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, located at 1201 Market St., in Philadelphia. Registration starts at 9 a.m. The program begins at 10 a.m. and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$15 per person, and includes lunch and snack.

There are four easy ways to register for the event:

1. [Register online >>](#)
2. Call us at (800) 722-4673 and we can process your registration and credit card payment over the phone.
3. [Download the registration form](#) and mail the completed form along with your registration fee to: Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers MA 01923
4. [Download the registration form](#) and fax the completed form to (978) 463-5809 (credit card only)

For those who wish to stay overnight, there is a small room block reserved for the event. Contact the hotel directly at **877-212-5752** and mention 'scleroderma.'

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Kerri Connolly, Director of Programs and Services, at (800) 722-4673 or email kconnolly@scleroderma.org.

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Scleroderma Article on Ebony Website

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Dontaira Terrell, a Florida A&M University graduate and freelance journalist, wrote an article for Ebony magazine online about scleroderma, in which she calls for more widespread attention to be brought to the disease. Dontaira's beloved grandmother suffered, and eventually died, from scleroderma.

[Read the article at Ebony.com >>](#)

Evaluating Internet Health Information: A Tutorial from the National Library of Medicine



It can be difficult to know how to evaluate the accuracy of health information available for free on the Internet. The National Library of Medicine is offering a 16-minute tutorial on how to evaluate the health information that you find on the Web.

To view the tutorial, you need the Flash plug-in, version 8 or above. If you do not have Flash, you will be prompted to obtain a free download of the software before you start.

[Take the tutorial at Medline Plus >>](#)

HHS Strengthens Patients' Right to Access Lab Test Reports



As part of an ongoing effort to empower patients to be informed partners with their health care providers, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has taken action to give patients or a person designated by the patient a means of direct access to the patient's completed laboratory test reports.

[Read the entire release at HHS.gov >>](#)



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