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Therapy Showing Positive Results in Clinical Trials for Idiopathic Lung Fibrosis Being Studied in SSC



InterMune Inc., a California-based biotechnology company, announced successful results of its Phase 3 clinical trial on the drug pirfenidone for idiopathic lung fibrosis and plans to submit a new drug application with the

FDA in the coming months. InterMune is also involved in a Phase 2 clinical trial, known as the LOTUSS trial, which is studying pirfenidone in patients with systemic sclerosis-related interstitial lung disease. The LOTUSS trial is actively recruiting people with systemic sclerosis who meet the study criteria. Not every patient is a candidate for every clinical trial, but if you are interested in finding out if you or a family member may qualify [you can read more about the study at Clinical Trials.gov](#) or by calling Celeste Marx at 1-888-486-6411.

[Click here to read more about pirfenidone and the Phase 3 trial just completed >>](#)

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Medical College of Wisconsin Designated as Scleroderma Center

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- Conduct clinical trials in scleroderma.
- Conduct educational activities about scleroderma, and provide information about the advances in the care and treatment of patients with scleroderma to health care professionals and the public.

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Southern California Chapter Webinar: Caring for the Caregiver



Presenter:

Ginny Maril Ph.D, California Lutheran University

Date and Time:

Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 11:30 AM PST

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Technical questions? Please call Jerold Kappel at Scleroderma/SoCal office 310-287-0793 or email socachapter@scleroderma.org.

For other questions, contact Karen Gottesman at karen@sclerodermasocal.org.

We look forward to you joining us on March 13, 2014!

Five Wheelchair Van Shopping Tips

If you're the caregiver for an individual who uses a wheelchair, owning a wheelchair accessible van is helpful and can be more affordable with these tips. When you shop for a wheelchair van, keep these tips in mind



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