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## Reserve Your Hotel Room for the 2014 National Patient Education Conference



Rooms are still available in our room block at the Anaheim Marriot, but they're going fast! [Reserve your hotel accommodations soon](#) - we anticipate a room block sell-out due to the proximity to The *Disneyland*® Resort!

The group room rates are:

- \$129, standard room with king or two double beds
- \$149, oversized king or oversized double
- \$179, concierge room with one king or two

double beds, plus access to Concierge Lounge, which includes breakfast in the morning

These special rates are available July 21 to July 28, 2014. The discounted room rate is not guaranteed if the room block has sold out. Space is limited, so reserve early! (Note: You must make your own room reservations. The hotel cannot guarantee your room location, bed type or other special requests until check-in.)

To book your room, call (877) 622-3056 and mention that you'll be attending the Scleroderma Foundation conference. [You also can register online](#). Visit our website at [www.scleroderma.org/conference](http://www.scleroderma.org/conference) and click the "Travel" tab to learn more about the hotel or to make a reservation online. And while you're there, [don't forget to register for the National Conference!](#)

## UM-MSU Discovery Brings Researchers One Step Closer to Unraveling Scleroderma

University of Michigan (UM) and Michigan State University (MSU) researchers have identified a completely new way to reduce fibrosis. By blocking a central step in the process that leads

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to fibroblast activation and collagen synthesis, researchers expect this to be more effective than current approaches. Ensuring that the compounds that have been discovered are safe is the critical next step.

[Read more about the discovery at the University of Michigan website >>](#)

## Free Webinar: Hand Surgical Options for Patients With Scleroderma



Please join the Scleroderma Foundation of Southern California in cooperation with Tri-State and Delaware Valley Chapters for our next Webinar on Hand Surgical Options for Patients with Scleroderma on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 2:00pm PST.**

The presenter will be Dr. Charles Melone, Director of the Division of Hand Surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center, NY and Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Over the past 25 years in practice, Dr. Melone has gained a reputation as one of the most knowledgeable hand surgeons in the United States.

[To join the webinar, please click here on May 21, 2014 at 2:00 pm PST and you will be taken directly to the presentation.](#)

This is a web based presentation and you will not need to download any software to your computer. If you are accessing the presentation through a mobile device you will need to install the MegaMeeting Mobile App. It is free.

For those who will not have computer access or do not have computer speakers, **toll free audio will be available by calling 1-877-216-1555.** Enter the passcode: **981555.** For all others, follow the instructions on the screen when you click the link.

Technical questions? Please call Jerold Kappel at Scleroderma/SoCal office 310-287-0793 or email [socachapter@scleroderma.org](mailto:socachapter@scleroderma.org).

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## Developing an Organized Medication System at Home

Caregivers can be overwhelmed with the number of medications that their loved ones need to take on a daily basis. There are many options on the market





for organization systems. Deciding which one is right for your family needs to be the driving force behind the system that you ultimately choose.

[See the list of options at Caregiver.com >>](#)

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