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National Conference Keynote Speakers Announced

We are pleased to announce the speakers and topics for this year's National Patient Education Conference keynote sessions. Both sessions will focus on the importance of scleroderma research and the hope for finding a cure.



Carol A. Feghali-Bostwick, Ph.D., will open the conference by answering your questions about research through an informative and interactive keynote address. Dr. Feghali-Bostwick is the Kitty Trask Holt Endowed Chair and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C. She also serves as vice chair of the Scleroderma Foundation's National Board of Directors and chair of its Research Committee.



Daniel E. Furst, M.D., will present the closing keynote address, which is titled "The Next Steps Forward in Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) Research." Dr. Furst is the first Carl M. Pearson Professor of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Medical Center. He also is a member of the Foundation's National Medical Advisory Board and vice president for the Southern California Chapter's Board of Directors.

There is still time to register for the Conference, which will take place July 25-27, 2014, in Anaheim, California! [Visit the Conference website to register >>](#)

Please stay tuned! Over the next several weeks, we will announce additional speakers and workshop sessions. [Sign up for Conference news >>](#)

Get Ready, Awareness Month is Almost Here!

June is Scleroderma Awareness Month,



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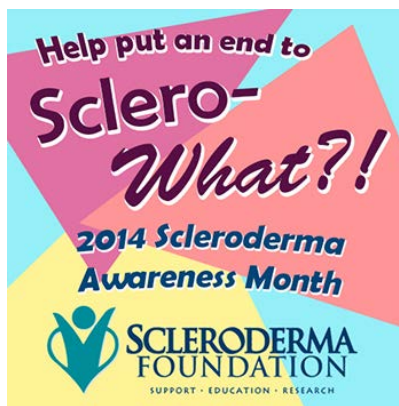
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and it's only a couple of days away! The Scleroderma Foundation wants to put an end to *Sclero-What?* during Scleroderma Awareness Month, and you can help! Here are a few things you can do to raise awareness:

- Check out the [30 Ways to Help checklist](#)
- [Email your lawmakers to urge him/her to support the "Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act"](#)
- [Inspire others by sharing your story](#)
- [Send us your selfies](#) using the hashtag #sclerodermaselfie on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram
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- Visit our [Awareness Store on CafePress](#) and pick up a t-shirt or mug to show your support



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For more information about how to help during Scleroderma Awareness Month, please visit www.sclerodermaawareness.org, and stay tuned to the weekly eLetter to learn other ways that you can join the fight to end *Sclero-What?*

Ask the Experts: Scleroderma Webchat with Soumya Chatterjee, MD and Kristin Highland, MD



Take this opportunity to learn more about scleroderma and have your questions answered by Cleveland Clinic specialists, rheumatologist Soumya Chatterjee, MD and pulmonologist Kristin Highland, MD.

Date and Time:
June 26, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EST

Soumya Chatterjee, MD, MS, FRCP, is a staff physician in the Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases. He completed an internal medicine residency and a rheumatology fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He also has a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Chatterjee is a general rheumatologist who sees patients with complex, multisystem rheumatologic conditions. He specializes in scleroderma, Raynaud phenomenon, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and myositis.

Kristin Highland MD, is a Staff Member in the Department of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Highland completed her fellowship and is board certified in both rheumatology and pulmonology. Her research interests are in scleroderma interstitial lung disease and pulmonary hypertension. She is recognized as a national and international clinical expert in pulmonary manifestations of connective tissue diseases and has served on the Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease steering committee for the American College of Chest Physicians.

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

13 Ways to Make Caregiving Easier



Caregiving is a difficult job, and it can be complex, choppy and constantly changing. Most caregivers don't even have any training before diving in! The good news is that there are some tips for making things a little easier. Here are 13 tips for lightening the load.

[Read the list at LiftCaregiving.com >>](#)

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