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Deadline for Early Bird Registration to the National Conference is May 15



Stomping Out Scleroderma | Nashville, TN | July 17-19, 2015

The deadline for early bird registration rates to register for the Scleroderma Foundation's 17th annual National Patient Education Conference is fast approaching! **The early bird rate is good through Friday, May 15, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Eastern.** (Note: If you are unsure of your membership status, please call the Foundation at (800) 722-4673.)

The registration cost to attend the conference

is:

- Early bird, Scleroderma Foundation members: \$200
- Early bird, non-members: \$250
- Meals only attendee: \$135
- Child or teen attendee (17 or younger): \$50

This one-of-a-kind patient education event will be held July 17-19, 2015, in Nashville, TN.

[Register for the conference online >>](#)

[Download a printable registration form >>](#)

About the Sheraton Music City Hotel

We have worked with the Sheraton Music City Hotel to provide our conference attendees with discounted room rates. The room rates for a traditional room are:

- Single Rate: \$160
- Double Rate \$160

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- Triple Rate: \$170
- Quadruple Rate: \$180

[Make your hotel reservations online now](#), or you also can call the Sheraton Music City Hotel directly at (888) 627-7060 to reserve your room. Just reference "Scleroderma 2015 Conference" to complete your reservation.

Stay Up-to-Date About the Conference

To stay up-to-date with all of the 2015 National Patient Education Conference information, [sign up to receive our special conference e-blasts >>](#) Our periodic email updates will notify you about this year's speakers and workshops, special events and programming, and things to do while you're in Nashville.

Also, be sure to bookmark www.scleroderma.org/conference. This will be your online destination for the latest conference information and resources to help you plan your trip.

We look forward to seeing you in July!

National Minority Health Month Resources at NIH



April is National Minority Health Month, dedicated to raising awareness about the health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minorities. The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (of the National Institutes of Health) offers publications and resources for diverse audiences on conditions of the bones,

joints, muscles, and skin translated into several languages.

[See English-language publications >>](#)

[See Spanish-language publications at NIH.gov >>](#)

[See Asian-language publications \(Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese\) >>](#)

Help with Prescription Assistance Applications



There are many local programs and individuals that help people take advantage of pharmaceutical company patient assistance programs - all for free or low cost. They help with such things as finding a program for your prescription medication, completing of the application forms and working with

physicians who must sign the forms. You can find local programs through NeedyMeds, a non-profit information resource devoted to helping people in need find assistance programs to help them afford their medications and costs related to health care.

[Find local programs at NeedyMeds.org >>](#)

When to choose Urgent Care of the Emergency

Room



Many people assume the local hospital's emergency department is the best place to go for immediate treatment, but an urgent care center may be a faster and cheaper way to get care for less serious conditions. An emergency department is an area of a hospital that is prepared to treat people who need immediate medical attention for serious traumas, sudden illnesses and other health-related emergencies. An urgent care center is ready to treat the less serious, more everyday ailments and conditions that also need prompt care from skilled clinicians.

[Learn more about emergency rooms and urgent care at The Baltimore Sun >>](#)

Disclaimer: *The Scleroderma Foundation in no way endorses any drugs, treatments, clinical trials, or studies reported in the eLetter. Information is provided to keep the readers informed. Because the manifestations and severity of scleroderma vary among individuals, personalized medical management is essential. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all drugs and treatments be discussed with the reader's physician(s) for proper evaluation and treatment.*

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