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Make Your Voice Heard - Join Us On Capitol Hill, October 5-7!



If you are a person living with scleroderma, are a good listener and speaker, have an interest in the political process, and are willing to tell your story to our lawmakers on Capitol Hill, please submit an application to join us October 5 - 7, 2015!

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Enrollment Begins in Cytori U.S. Phase III/Pivotal Scleroderma Trial



Cytori Therapeutics, Inc. announced the launch of its U.S. phase III/pivotal trial to study the efficacy of its ECCS-50 cellular therapeutic in patients with scleroderma associated hand dysfunction.

Currently three U.S. centers have been initiated. Cytori anticipates that the majority of investigational sites will be active by October 2015. Screening of patients has begun and it is expected that the first U.S. patients will be treated this month. You can visit the STAR microsite at startrial-us.com. Enrollment duration is expected to be approximately 1 year.

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Honoring Health: Resources for American Indians and Alaskan Natives

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A Perspective on Web-Based Information for Patients with Chronic Lung Disease



Although the majority of patients with a chronic disease obtain information about their condition from a health care professional, medical appointments may not allow enough time for educating patients and addressing questions. Internet resources can fill educational gaps. To provide the best medical care, it is important that health care providers

are knowledgeable about medical information on the internet. This Perspective summarizes the major websites that present patient-focused medical information about common lung diseases.

[Read the entire article at the ATS Journals >>](#)

Correction for eLetter #617

In last week's eLetter an article about a study of patients with temporomandibular joint disorder was paired with a photo of a knee joint while a photo of a jaw would have been more accurate. The Scleroderma Foundation apologizes for this error.

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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