Patient Education Conference Highlights

We want to thank everyone who attended our Scleroderma Patient Education Conference on Saturday, October 8th at George Washington University Hospital!

More than 60 patients and caregivers from Maryland; Washington, DC; and Virginia had the opportunity to hear informative presentations from leading medical professionals: Dr. Ronald Brown, Howard University; Dr. Kathleen Holton, American University; Dr. Laura Hummers, Johns Hopkins University Hospital; Dr. Zsuzsanna McMahan, Johns Hopkins University Hospital; Dr. Victoria Shanmugam, George Washington University Hospital; and Dr. Joshua Woolstenhulme, The George Washington University.

Many thanks to everyone for attending! It was great to see so many people, to hear your stories, and to receive your positive comments about the event. I also want to thank our presenters for sharing important information. A special thanks to Dr. Shanmugam and her staff for helping us to secure the space at George Washington University and for helping with set-up. And many thanks to Debbie Drell from the Pulmonary Hypertension Association for attending, helping with registration, and for providing give-aways at the event.

In case you missed the conference, or would like to have a copy of the presentations from the conference, you can click the links below to get our speakers' PowerPoint presentations in PDF format.

Dr. Brown's presentation, Dental Issues in Scleroderma

Dr. Holton's presentation, Optimizing Nutrition in Scleroderma Patients

Dr. Laura Hummers’s presentation, Updates in Scleroderma Research

Dr. McMahan's presentation, Complexities of Scleroderma GI disease: Clinical Manifestations, Risk Factors, Diagnosis, and Management

Dr. Shanmugam's presentation, Wound Care and Digital
Ulcers

Dr. Virginia Steen's presentation, *Lung Disease in Scleroderma*

Dr. Woolstenhulme's presentation, *National Institutes of Health Interstitial Lung Disease and Exercise Study*

We look forward to next year's conference!

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