

## Act Now to Advance Science that May Lead to New Treatments - Become A "Patients as Partners" Advocate

**The Scleroderma Foundation is currently seeking scleroderma patients for a Patients as Partners Program in the Washington, DC area on November 15, 2016.**

This is an opportunity for people living with scleroderma to educate scientists about specific challenges associated with scleroderma and how clinical trials can be designed to accommodate the unique needs of people living with scleroderma to better ensure successful outcomes. **THIS IS NOT ENROLLMENT/RECRUITMENT INTO A SPECIFIC TRIAL. This is a focus group discussion with a major global pharmaceutical company.**



To participate in the upcoming Patients as Partners Program in Washington DC, you **must** have SSc -Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) to qualify. If you fit the criteria and are interested in participating, please email **Karen Gottesman, Director of Pharma & Biotech Engagement** at [kgottesman@scleroderma.org](mailto:kgottesman@scleroderma.org) with the following information:

- Have you been diagnosed with ILD?
- If so, do you see a pulmonologist or a rheumatologist for your ILD?
- Are you available on November 15th for an all day meeting (10am-4pm ish)?
- Please provide the best phone number to reach you.
- What city do you live in?

**We must receive your response no later than Friday, October 28, 2016 to be considered.** If you're chosen for the panel, additional details will be provided and all travel/transportation expenses related to the meeting will be covered.

Looking forward to your immediate response!

## Launch of New Northern Virginia Support Group

Please join the Scleroderma Foundation Greater Washington, DC Chapter's (SFGWDC) **NEW**

**Northern Virginia Support Group** for a "Meet & Greet." We are very excited to launch this new Support Group to better serve our members and their families in the Northern Virginia area and surrounding communities!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Northern Virginia Support Group Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 29, 2016; 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**1016 South Wayne Street**  
**Card Room on the Terrace level**  
**Arlington, VA 22204**

**(Limited free parking is available in the lot and some street parking; and light refreshments will be provided)**

At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet SFGWDC members from the area, brainstorm on ideas for 2017 meetings, and meet our new Support Group Co-Leaders, **Deborah Aloof** and **Sharon Parker Fine**.

Please RSVP at [cbernard@scleroderma.org](mailto:cbernard@scleroderma.org) or at 571-291-1480.

We look forward to seeing you!

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