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## REGISTRATION

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59 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

## SCLERODERMA RESEARCH FORUM HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

*Registration is free | Family and caregivers are encouraged to attend | Light lunch provided*

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARKING** – We will subsidize your parking costs for Belaire Building garage. A volunteer at registration will allow you to purchase a voucher for only \$5. You will need this voucher when you retrieve your car after the meeting.

**DIRECTIONS** – The entrance to the Hospital for Special Surgery is located between York Avenue and FDR Drive. Enter the main doors and proceed straight ahead to the elevators. Take elevator to the second floor. Auditorium is across from the elevators.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 11:30 am Registration & Lunch**
- 12:30 pm Tri-State Welcome**  
Mary Beth Bobik-Kadylak, Director of Patient Education & Support
- 12:40 pm Scleroderma Interstitial Lung Disease & Emerging Therapies**  
Robert J. Kaner, MD  
**Q & A immediately following**
- 1:40 pm Break**
- 2:00 pm Welcome Back**
- 2:15 pm Improving Adipose-Derived Stem Cell Therapy in Scleroderma**  
Theresa Lu, MD, PhD  
**Q & A immediately following**
- 3:15 pm A Word from Our Support Groups**
- 3:30 pm Closing Remarks**

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# SCLERODERMA PATIENT EDUCATION FORUM

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**SCLERODERMA  
RESEARCH FORUM**  
**HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY**  
Richard L. Menschel Education Center  
Second Floor

535 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**  
**11:30 AM – 3:30 PM**



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## ROBERT J. KANER, MD

Topic: **Scleroderma Interstitial Lung Disease & Emerging Therapies**

Dr. Kaner is Associate Attending Physician at the New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Center and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Genetic Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. He has interstitial lung disease expertise and is medical director of the Ventilator Management Team.

Dr. Kaner is the Principal Investigator of the Weill-Cornell site of the National Institute of Health.

He is the project leader of an NIH-sponsored study of the molecular basis of accelerated emphysema development in HIV-1 positive smokers and served as principal investigator of NIH-sponsored basic research in mechanisms of vascular permeability in the lung and interactions of human alveolar macrophages with HIV-1.

Dr. Kaner is committed to research into the application of cutting edge molecular techniques to advance the understanding of pathophysiology, as well as to further improve the diagnosis and treatment of lung disease. He is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease and critical care medicine.



## THERESA LU, MD, PHD

Topic: **Improving Adipose-Derived Stem Cell Therapy in Scleroderma**

Dr. Theresa Lu is a pediatric rheumatologist in New York, New York. She received her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine and has been in practice for over twenty years. She is involved in diagnosing and treating childhood arthritis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, Kawasaki Disease and other rheumatic diseases of

the joints, soft tissue, and connective tissue.

Dr. Lu is the lead study author of new and ongoing research at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City that has identified a possible mechanism behind the fibrosis that occurs in scleroderma – a mechanism that may one day lead to a treatment for the disease.

Dr. Lu is a standing member of the NIH Inflammation of the Cardiovascular System Study Section and of the American Society of Clinical Investigators. She is the recipient of the Jean Davis Grant from the Alliance for Lupus Research. She was also the recipient of the American College of Rheumatology's Henry Kunkel Young Investigator Award in 2011 and of the Cornell Graduate School's Teaching and Mentoring Award in 2010.

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Visit the Tri-State website for the Tri-State Connect schedule and information on how to join these support group meeting calls.

Each session provides education, support and an opportunity to listen and ask questions of featured speakers, other attendees and the Tri-State Chapter.

Leader: Jan Nitti-Gnall, MPH, MT

email: [TSConnect@scleroderma.org](mailto:TSConnect@scleroderma.org) | call: (973) 997-5590.

Previous meetings on YouTube: <http://youtube.com/c/sftristate>

### FACEBOOK SUPPORT GROUPS:



Because scleroderma manifests itself in a unique way in men, their issues and concerns are unique as well. This support system provides a means for men with scleroderma to connect with each other - share stories, seek advice and ask questions - in a caring and supportive environment. Become part of an understanding and educated group of men finding ways to deal with scleroderma and its complications. Only men with scleroderma may join by request.

Co-Leader: Andrew Botieri (508) 982-7523

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Co-Leader: Lee Korotzer [LKorotzer@yahoo.com](mailto:LKorotzer@yahoo.com)



Scleroderma Super Starz provides emotional and educational support to teens and young adults as well as their families and caregivers. The group focuses on sharing experiences and providing opportunities to network, post disease-related information, and share common concerns. A safe, non-judgmental forum where members can speak openly and share ideas for coping with struggles faced by those with scleroderma in an environment of mutual support.

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