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SUPPORT GROUPS, WHY JOIN?

- Opportunities to talk with others who have gone through similar health challenges.
- A chance to share experiences, practical suggestions, and ways of coping.
- A welcome place to gain knowledge and learn from others in a warm and caring atmosphere.
- Acquire educational information provided by the Scleroderma Foundation.

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**RUTGERS SCLERODERMA
PATIENT EDUCATION FORUM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 22, 2017**

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

Number attending _____

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The Scleroderma Foundation Tri-State Chapter and the Delaware Valley Chapter bring you two experts in the treatment and management of scleroderma who will provide information that is important to scleroderma patients, family members, friends and caregivers.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

11:30 am Registration & Lunch

12:30 pm Welcome:
Mary Beth Bobik-Kadylak, Tri-State Director of Pt. Education & Support
Fee Sepahi, Delaware Valley Executive Director

12:40 pm **Scleroderma Vasculopathy**
Fabian Mendoza-Ballesteros, MD
Q & A immediately following

1:40 pm Break

2:00 pm Mary Beth Bobik-Kadylak
A Word About Support Groups

2:15 pm **Pulmonary Disease and Scleroderma**
Kerri Akaya Smith, MD
Q & A immediately following

3:30 pm Closing Remarks / Program Evaluation

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

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FABIAN MENDOZA-BALLESTEROS, MD

Topic: *Scleroderma Vasculopathy*

Dr. Fabian Mendoza-Ballesteros is a rheumatologist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is affiliated with Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals. He received his medical degree from National University of San Marcos and has been in practice for more than 18 years. He is one of 12 doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals who specialize in Rheumatology.

Dr. Mendoza-Ballesteros is the Associate Director of the Scleroderma Center Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, treating adults who have any form of scleroderma or other rare skin or fibrotic diseases, such as eosinophilic fasciitis (Shulman syndrome) and nephrogenic systemic fibrosis. The Center is a member of the Scleroderma Clinical Trials Consortium (SCTC), participating in SCTC peer-reviewed international clinical trials for scleroderma.



KERRI AKAYA SMITH, MD

Topic: *Pulmonary Disease and Scleroderma*

Dr. Kerri Akaya Smith Dr. Kerri Akaya Smith is a pulmonologist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is board certified in critical care medicine and pulmonary disease. She is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including hospitals of the University of Pennsylvania-Penn Presbyterian and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. She received her medical degree from

Harvard Medical School and did post-graduate training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Hospital.

Dr. Smith has been the co-author of many articles related to pulmonary issues. Her research efforts revolve around heart, pulmonary and vascular disease. Along with seeing patients in the hospitals, she practices at the Harron Lung Center and Penn Heart and Vascular Center, Philadelphia, PA.

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These sessions provide education, support and an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of featured speakers, other attendees and the Tri-State Chapter.

Visit the Tri-State website for the 2017 schedule and information on how to join a Tri-State Connect support group meeting call.

Leader: Jan Nitti-Gnall, MPH, MT
email: TSCConnect@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



Scleroderma Super Starz provides emotional and educational support to teens and young adults (13-40 years old) as well as their families & caregivers. The group focuses on sharing experiences and providing opportunities to network, to post disease-related information, and share common concerns. A safe, non-judgmental forum for members to speak openly and share ideas for coping with the struggles faced by those with scleroderma in an environment of mutual support.

Leader: Amy Gietzen (716) 479-0756
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