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- **Contributed more than $900,000** to support the Foundation and the Research Program in the last five years.
- **Presented 10 Patient Education Forums** in 2016, attended by nearly 1,000 patients, family members and caregivers.
- **Funded an additional grant** of $150,000 through the Scleroderma Foundation Research Program with Dr. Theresa Lu at HSS.

Registration

UConnEd.SclerodermaTriState.org

Other ways to register:

Call: 800-867-0885 **Fax:** 607-723-2039

Email: mbbkadylak@SclerodermaTriState.org

Mail form: Scleroderma Foundation Tri-State Chapter
59 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

UConn Scleroderma Patient Education Forum Saturday, September 30, 2017

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

Number attending_____

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

Email_____

The UConn Scleroderma Patient Education Forum brings you information that is important to scleroderma patients, family members, friends, caregivers and health care professionals.

Parking: Garage 1. **Parking passes** distributed at registration for exiting the garage. There will be no charge for parking.

From the garage, use the third floor catwalk to the Outpatient Pavilion, then take the elevator to level four.

Program Schedule

11:30 am	Registration & Lunch
12:30 pm	Tri-State Welcome: Mary Beth Bobik-Kadylak, Director of Pt. Education & Support
12:40 pm	***Scleroderma: Coping with Everyday Issues*** Santhanam Lakshminarayanan, M.D **Q & A immediately following**
1:40 pm	Break
2:00 pm	Mary Beth Bobik-Kadylak ***A Word About Support Groups***
2:15 pm	***Raynaud's Phenomenon and Treatment*** William Traverse, MD **Q & A immediately following**
3:15 pm	Closing Remarks / Program Evaluation

Please dress for an air-conditioned venue and bring layers for comfort.

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263 Farmington Avenue
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11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

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Santhanam Lakshminarayanan, MD

Topic: ***Scleroderma: Coping with Everyday Issues***

Dr. Lakshminarayanan is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at UConn Health and Chief of the Division of Rheumatology. He is a graduate of The Armed Forces Medical College in Pune India and earned his M.B.B.S. from the University of Poona, India. He is the director of the Rheumatology Fellowship Program and is responsible for training two to four fellows per year and for overseeing four training sites at the UConn Health Center, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, VA Medical Center in Newington, and Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Dr. Lakshminarayanan is also director of the Rheumatology Fellow Journal Club and involved in weekly didactic review at rheumatology patient management rounds and rheumatology teaching rounds. He is on the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) subcommittee for medical student and resident education, the ACR New England OSCE program development for rheumatology fellows. Dr. Lakshminarayanan's areas of expertise are in Lyme disease, gout and systemic rheumatic disease. He has published articles on systemic lupus erythematous. Dr. Lakshminarayanan conducts clinical trials on scleroderma, Raynaud's phenomenon, systemic lupus erythematosus and inflammatory arthritis.

William E. Traverse, MD

Topic: ***Raynaud's Phenomenon & Treatment***

Dr. Traverse is a Rheumatologist receiving his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies. He completed his residency in internal medicine and primary care along with a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Connecticut Health Center. In addition, Dr. Traverse is certified as a medical technologist with the American Society of American Pathologists.

Dr. Traverse began his practice in 2006 with St. Francis Medical Group. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He became affiliated with UConn in August 2017. Aside from his many achievements, Dr. Traverse is a member of the American College of Rheumatology

Looking For Support?

Contact us for support group information **or Visit: sclerodermatristate.org**

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Support Groups Offer:

- An opportunity 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 acquire information and learn from others in a warm and caring atmosphere.
- Educational information provided by the Scleroderma Foundation.

Tri-State Connect

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: TSConnect@scleroderma.org | call: (973) 997-5590.
Previous meetings on YouTube: http://youtube.com/c/sftristate

FaceBook Support Groups:

ScleroMen
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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
ScleroMen@Scleroderma.org
Co-Leader: Lee Korotzer LKorotzer@yahoo.com

Scleroderma Super Starz

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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