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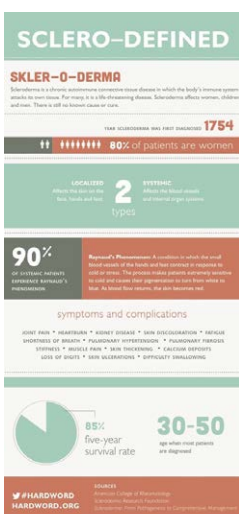


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Infographic: Scleroderma by the Numbers



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Scleroderma Center Designated in New York



We are happy to announce the Columbia University Medical Center/New York-Presbyterian Hospital Scleroderma Program in New York, NY has been designated as a Scleroderma Foundation research and treatment center. To be designated as a Scleroderma Center of Excellence on our website, institutions must:

- Demonstrate expertise in the care of patients with scleroderma
- Conduct scleroderma research (clinical and or observational and/or laboratory-based)
- Conduct educational activities about scleroderma, and provide information about the advances in the care and treatment of patients with scleroderma to health care professionals and the public



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Webinar: The ABC's of Scleroderma Lung Disease



As part of "Scleroderma Week at the ATS" and in conjunction with PAR partner the Scleroderma Foundation, the ATS hosted a webinar on Thursday, June 11th. The webinar entitled "The ABC's of Scleroderma Lung Disease" was presented by Virginia Steen, MD, professor at Georgetown University and director of the Rheumatology Fellowship

Program. The webinar is now available to view for free on the American Thoracic Society website.

[View the webinar at Thoracic.org >>](#)

Using Oxygen at Home



Many patients need to use oxygen to help them breathe. For patients who need to know how to use and store oxygen, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has compiled a thorough list of tips about using oxygen. The list covers different kinds of oxygen, ways to breathe oxygen, traveling with oxygen, and when to call a doctor if trouble is detected.

[Read the entire story at the NIH website >>](#)

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