

Advocating for the 84 million Americans living with a skin condition



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



WHO WE SERVE

People with vitiligo and their families and friends and medical professionals who research and care for individuals with vitiligo.



OUR VISION

We envision a world where the burden of vitiligo is eliminated through compassion, care, and cure.



OUR MISSION

To improve the quality of life for individuals with vitiligo through education, research, clinical care, and community support.

How skin conditions **IMPACT** patients



Vitiligo is a skin disorder where the cells producing skin pigment are destroyed, causing white patches on the skin. It can impact patients emotionally, as the visible changes may lead to self-esteem issues and social stigma. Additionally, patients are at increased risk of sunburn and skin cancer due to reduced melanin protection. Treatment options manage symptoms and improve appearances but do not offer a cure.



OUR STORY

The Global Vitiligo Foundation (GVF), originally the Vitiligo Working Group committee of the Skin of Color Society (SOCS), was formally established in 2011 and incorporated in 2016 by Henry Ford Hospital physicians, Drs. Henry W. Lim and Iltefat Hamzavi, both of whom continue in leadership roles today with associated physicians and people with vitiligo.



HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

GVF works to raise awareness, dispelling myths and misconceptions about vitiligo while promoting understanding through public education, social media, and collaboration with other organizations.

We provide support to those affected by vitiligo with online and in-person resources for managing the emotional and psychological aspects of living with vitiligo.

We create platforms and events for individuals with vitiligo to connect with one another and for physicians to share the latest treatment protocols and clinical research findings.

We advocate for policy changes at the local, national, and international levels to ensure access to healthcare and insurance coverage for those with vitiligo.

AT A GLANCE HOW WE PROVIDE SUPPORT

- Raising Awareness
- Community Building
- Patient education and support services
- Physician education
- Development of global assessment outcome measures, impact scales, and universal protocols for vitiligo clinical studies
- Advocacy

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