

Advocating for the 84 million Americans living with a skin condition





WHO WE SERVE

UPA serves individuals and families impacted by porphyria and the treating and expert healthcare professionals who provide care and initiate critical research.



OUR VISION

The United Porphyrias
Association is committed to
improving the quality of life
of the porphyria patient
community and is
relentlessly focused on
advancing disease
awareness, research, and
therapies in all the
porphyrias.



🖔 OUR MISSION

The United Porphyrias Association envisions a world where patients are free from the pain and challenges of porphyria.

How skin conditions

IMPACT

patients



The porphyrias are divided into the "acute hepatic porphyrias" (AHPs) and "cutaneous porphyrias," depending on the primary symptoms. AHPs present with sudden attacks of severe stomach pain, among other symptoms, which last for several days; types may also have skin symptoms of blistering after sun exposure. The cutaneous porphyrias present with blistering and scarring of the skin, pain, and/or redness and swelling in sun-exposed areas.





OUR STORY

UPA was established by a team of patients, physicians, and researchers focused on advancing awareness, research, and therapies powered by scientific and clinical expertise with the belief that collaboration among key stakeholders is essential for innovation. UPA leadership is guided by a Board of Directors, Scientific Advisory Board, and President's Council to ensure patient centricity.



United Porphyrias Association collaborates with patients, physicians, researchers, pharmaceutical partners, regulatory bodies, and fellow organizations focused in rare disease to impact awareness, research, and therapeutics for the porphyrias. Our leadership, staff, and governing boards work together to ensure earlier diagnosis, effective management, therapeutics and access to them.



UNITED PORPHYRIAS ASSOCIATION

Advancing Awareness, Research & Therapies



AT A GLANCE HOW WE PROVIDE SUPPORT

United Porphyrias Organization supports the patient and healthcare professional community through research, education, awareness, advocacy, and patient support.

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