

Advocating for the 84 million Americans living with a skin condition



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 **WHO WE SERVE**

The National Scleroderma Foundation is the leading patient advocacy organization serving people living with scleroderma, their families, caregivers, friends, and physicians.

 **OUR VISION**

Our vision is to be a relentless force in finding a cure and improving the lives of people affected by scleroderma.

 **OUR MISSION**

The National Scleroderma Foundation's mission is to advance medical research, promote disease awareness, and provide support and education to people with scleroderma, their families and support networks.

How scleroderma **IMPACT** patients



Scleroderma, or systemic sclerosis, is a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as an autoimmune disease. The symptoms of scleroderma vary greatly for each person, and the effects of scleroderma can range from very mild to life threatening. Prompt and proper diagnosis and treatment by qualified physicians may minimize the symptoms of scleroderma and lessen the chance for irreversible damage.



HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

The National Scleroderma Foundation offers programming and resources in support of people living with scleroderma through its national office and its 13 chapters across the U.S. We coordinate over 50 volunteer-led support groups throughout the U.S. We staff a toll-free Hopeline; publish a quarterly magazine called "Scleroderma Voice;" and provide information through brochures, newsletters, and on our website.

The Foundation hosts in-person and virtual educational events throughout the year for individuals who have scleroderma, and their family members, and their caregivers. Our signature education event, the National Scleroderma Conference, attracts 500+ attendees and features workshops, panel discussions, and other educational sessions led by the leading scleroderma researchers and healthcare professionals.

Our Peer-Review Research Grant Funding Program has awarded over \$33 million dollars since its inception. A committee composed of scleroderma medical experts reviews and awards funding through two research grants: the New Investigator Grant and the Established Investigator Grant.



OUR STORY

The National Scleroderma Foundation was founded in 1998. Supported by a network of thousands of individuals across the United States, the Foundation helps those living with scleroderma by providing support and education at the same time that it funds research to discover the cause, to understand the mechanism, and together, to overcome this disease forever.

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