



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



THE ASSOCIATION
OF HIDRADENITIS
SUPPURATIVA AND
INFLAMMATORY
DISEASES



WHO WE SERVE

AHSID is a national patient advocacy organization, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt not-for-profit headquartered in Michigan serving the hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) and inflammatory disease communities, their caregivers, and invested stakeholders. Such comorbidities include but are not limited to PCOS, Crohn's, metabolic syndrome, anxiety, depression, and BPD.



OUR VISION

Our vision employs art, science, and technology to develop creative solutions to educate, advocate, and push for health equity for people living with HS and inflammatory diseases while elevating underserved communities. We envision a community with the resources to be participants in their healing journey.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower people living with HS with the knowledge and resources to understand the disease and take actionable steps towards receiving treatment, engaging with community, and changing their relationship to shame and their personal journey

How skin conditions
IMPACT
patients



HS is a debilitating chronic skin condition also referred to as a follicular occlusion. These pus-filled bumps can be as small as a pea or as large as a tennis ball, impeding patients' quality of life due to limited mobility, debilitating pain, and wound maintenance and care. The symptoms affect patients not only physically but emotionally and spiritually as well.

OUR STORY

In 2019 we noticed research shining a light on the experiences of people of color living with HS and a summit dedicated to educating patients and caregivers was almost non-existent. That's where we stepped in to start an annual HS Awareness summit and produce a doc making sure every voice in our community is heard.

HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

We're entering the fifth year of producing our patient-led educational virtual and in-person summit, which has amassed **1,900+ registrations**, **1.2K+ views on YouTube**, and over **\$40,000+ in donations and corporate sponsorships**. The HS Awareness Week Summit focuses on educating people living with hidradenitis suppurativa, their caregivers, and stakeholders through daily sessions on topics including but not limited to, disease treatment, wound care, alternative medicines, surgical options, mental health barriers, and more. As an extension of this ongoing work, an annually updated **HS Basics Booklet** was created to further our impact beyond the summit. **This booklet has been downloaded over 250 times this year alone**. In 2019, AHSID produced a documentary on HS called *My Gold Lining: A Documentary on Hidradenitis Suppurativa* with the goal of elevating the stories of Black women with HS to help raise awareness for marginalized communities and inform the industries treating them.

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AT A GLANCE HOW WE PROVIDE SUPPORT

When people living with HS are diagnosed, do they have the proper resources to navigate their healing journey? More times than not, no. Our support closes this gap to create an equitable and more accessible experience for patients and caregivers.

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