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Dear CSD Members,

March brings new resources for the skin disease community, along with conference opportunities and professional development events. From preparations for Development Day to the release of a new advocacy toolkit for Medicare drug price negotiations, the skin disease community continues to drive meaningful change. Please contact [Natalie Mamerow](#) if you have additional questions.

Best regards,  
Natalie Mamerow

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**CSD Hill Day 2026**



Mark your calendar for the upcoming **CSD Hill Day from Sunday, May 17, to Tuesday, May 19, 2026!** We're excited to head to Washington, D.C., to advocate on behalf of the 84 million Americans with a skin disease.

Throughout the event, attendees will meet with legislators to discuss CSD's key [legislative and policy priorities](#), hear from prominent speakers and participate in hands-on advocacy training.

Apply Now!

To support outreach efforts, CSD has developed a social media toolkit featuring ready-to-use graphics and sample posts. You are encouraged to tailor these materials to align with your organization's voice and communications goals

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## Legislative & Policy Updates

### **Urge Congress to Support the PASTEUR Act!**

Each year, nearly three million Americans experience infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria, leading to 35,000 deaths annually. Without new solutions, scientists warn that antimicrobial resistance could cause millions of deaths globally in the coming years.

The [Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions to End Upsurging Resistance \(PASTEUR\) Act \(H.R. 7352\)](#) is an important step forward. This bipartisan legislation would help spur the development

of new antibiotics and ensure patients have access to the treatments they need when infections become resistant to existing medicines.

CSD encourages you to tell your Members of Congress to support the PASTEUR Act and protect patients from the growing threat of AMR.

Take Action

### **Record-Number of Organizations Join Ad Hoc Group FY27 Recommendation for the National Institutes of Health**

The Coalition of Skin Diseases is proud to be part of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, a coalition of organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, academic institutions, educators and industry leaders. This year, the Ad Hoc Group reached a record-breaking 559 organizations endorsing its [FY 2027 funding](#) recommendation for the National Institutes of Health.

The coalition is urging Congress to provide at least \$51.303 billion for NIH in FY 2027—an increase of \$4 billion over FY 2026—to support lifesaving research and strengthen the nation’s medical research enterprise.

### **New Resource: Advocacy Toolkit for Medicare Drug Price Negotiations**

The Derma Care Access Network has released a new advocacy toolkit for Medicare drug price negotiations. As CMS moves forward with the next round of Medicare drug price negotiations, including several medications used to treat plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, chronic spontaneous urticaria and hidradenitis suppurativa, it is essential that the voices of patients, caregivers and dermatology clinicians are heard.

The new toolkit provides details on which dermatological therapies are included in the 2026 negotiation cycle, opportunities to engage CMS, key message guidance to support effective, evidence-based advocacy and social media messaging to help raise awareness.

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## Upcoming Conferences

**AAD Annual Meeting and CSD Development Day**



CSD is excited to host our annual Development Day in conjunction with the American Academy of Dermatology's Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

Our full Membership is invited to this event taking place on Saturday, **March 28, from 8:30 am - 12:45 pm MT** in Room 605 of the Colorado Convention Center. The CSD and AAD are thrilled to be able to offer two complimentary registrations for each of our Patient Group member organizations. Additionally, we will be voting on a change in the bylaws, which can be viewed [here](#).

This event is designed to give back to our keynote speakers and provide meaningful opportunities to connect with colleagues – both familiar faces and new connections. Development Day will include a catered breakfast and lunch.

Please reach out to [Natalie Mamerow](#) and/or [Liz Demorest](#) at the AAD with any questions.

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**[2026 SID Annual Meeting CSD Tabletop Exhibit Invitation](#)**



The Society for Investigative Dermatology is excited to invite members of the CSD to join us in Chicago, Illinois, for the [2026 SID Annual Meeting](#), taking place at the Chicago Hilton from **May 13 - 16, 2026!**

As a valued partner, they are pleased to offer each Coalition member organization a complimentary tabletop exhibit space along with two complimentary meeting registrations.

### **Complimentary Tabletop Exhibit**

Each coalition member organization is eligible for:

- One complimentary tabletop exhibit
- Two complimentary SID Annual Meeting registrations

### **Confirming Your Tabletop Exhibit Space**

This year, the request process is a bit different. To reserve your tabletop exhibit space, please complete the online request form [here](#).

Once your tabletop request is received, SID's registration team will follow up directly with a separate link and instructions to register your complimentary attendees.

### **Tabletop Exhibit Details**

- **Location:** Chicago Hilton (exact location to be confirmed)
- **Includes:**
  - One six-foot skirted table
  - Two chairs
- Set-up times and additional logistics will be shared closer to the meeting date

### **Meeting Registration**

- Each coalition organization may register two complimentary attendees
- Registration instructions will be provided by our registration team after your tabletop request is submitted
- All registered attendees will have access to the meeting's networking events and social programming

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## **Learning Opportunities**

### **March is Autoimmune Awareness Month**

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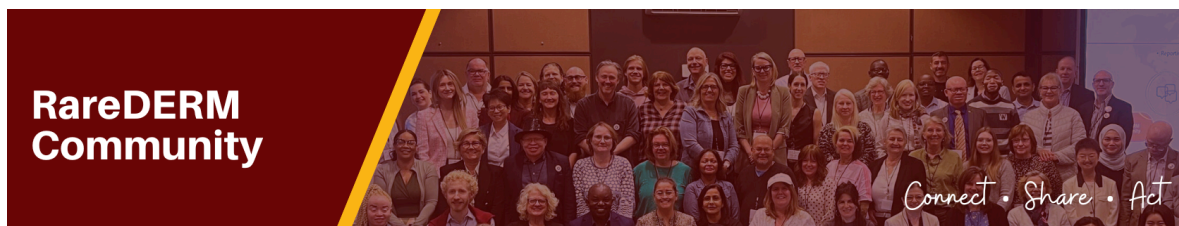
**FASTER** diagnoses.  
**MORE** understanding.  
**BETTER** care.



Autoimmune Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the millions of people living with autoimmune diseases, elevate their voices, and advocate for greater understanding, research and support. You can get involved by securing a proclamation, amplifying awareness on social media, sharing your autoimmune story or contacting your legislators.

[Learn More](#)

**RareDERM Community Coffee Chat**



Join **GlobalSkin** on **Tuesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. ET** for the first RareDERM Community Coffee Chat of the year. The session will be led by **Trisha Shivas, Chief of Staff and Strategy** at the **Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research** and a member of the RareDERM Advisory Committee. She will discuss the importance of social listening and gathering patient insights to inform research and improve clinical care, grounded in real-world experience.

[Register Now](#)

**Join PALI for a Upcoming Webinar!**



Join the **Allergy & Asthma Network's National Patient Advocacy Leadership Initiative's** webinar on **Thursday, March 26 at 4 p.m. ET**, where we dive into how health insurance can become a barrier for patient access. Two common barriers: step therapy and prior authorization. Find out how these policies affect patients and advocates. Hear about the latest research on patient access and barriers to care.

[Register Now](#)

#### **NIH Strategic Plan 2027-2031: Public Webinar Invitation**



**NIH** is developing its new NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 and is seeking input from the research community, stakeholders and the public. An informational webinar will be held on **Wednesday, April 8, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. ET** to present the high-level framework for the new Strategic Plan and outline the process being used to develop it. Each session will include a live Q&A where participants can ask questions and provide feedback.

[Register Now](#)

#### **June is Scleroderma Awareness Month**



In honor of National Scleroderma Awareness Month and World Scleroderma Day on **Monday, June 29**, the **National Scleroderma Foundation** is ramping up efforts to increase awareness through building light-ups and government proclamations.

Proclamations are formal statements issued by local officials recognizing Scleroderma Awareness Month and/or World Scleroderma Day. These declarations help elevate public visibility and reinforce the importance of supporting patients and families in your community.

The Foundation is also encouraging the illumination of buildings, bridges, parks, and other landmarks in teal. These light-ups serve as powerful visual reminders that spark community engagement and can create meaningful media opportunities.

[Learn More](#)

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## Skin in the News



### [“I Lost 15 Years of My Life”: A Man’s Journey Living With Hidradenitis Suppurativa.”](#)

Patient advocate Kevan Brown shares how living with hidradenitis suppurativa has shaped his life.

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### [Craig’s Story](#)

After living with Eczema for 20 years, Craig experienced a severe flare up in the summer



of 2025. As a photography student, he wanted to express his experiences, frustrations and insights the way he knew best – through a camera lens.

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**Woman speaks about reality of living with 'devastating' skin condition**



A Lancashire woman has spoken about her decades-long experience of living with a skin condition. Earlier this month, another treatment option was approved for it.

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