

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA (HS)

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HS IS FAR MORE THAN A 'SKIN CONDITION'

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA (HS):

A painful chronic inflammatory disease that significantly impacts mobility, mental health, and quality of life.



Jeremy Hinshton lives with severe Stage III HS. Over eleven years and across five states, Jeremy navigated constantly changing treatments, providers, and insurance requirements. Today, he is a global HS advocate based in Phoenix, Arizona. Contact: jeremy@jillianandjeremy.com

POLICY PRIORITIES

FOR AMERICANS LIVING WITH SKIN DISEASE



Support Robust FY2027 NIH & NIAMS Funding

- 25% of Americans have a skin disease with estimated healthcare burden >\$86 billion dollars annually.
- Severe HS patients still lack durable long-term treatment options.
- Clinical trial activity for HS remains disproportionately low compared to other major inflammatory diseases:
 - IBD/Crohns: 1,500 clinical trials / 7M people
 - HS: <300 clinical trials / >80M people.
- Please align FY2027 investment with skin disease population needs.



Support the Safe Step Act S.2903 / H.R. 5509

- Many HS patients face insurance-driven delays accessing physician-recommended treatment, allowing progressive disease to worsen over time.
- Delayed treatment in HS can lead to irreversible damage, surgery, disability, and higher long-term healthcare costs.
- After eleven years, Jeremy's HS is still not comfortably managed. He's in pain every day.



Support Creation of a Congressional Skin Disease Caucus

- HS and other chronic skin diseases remain widely misunderstood despite significant physical and mental health impacts.
- A bipartisan congressional forum can help improve awareness, education, and evidence-based policy collaboration around skin disease care.

