# **SCLERODERMA** SUPPORT GROUP

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# **SCLERODERMA**

SUPPORT · EDUCATION · RESEARCH

TRI-STATE CHAPTER

## **OUR MISSION** Support

Provide education and emotional support to people with scleroderma and their families.

#### Research

Stimulate and support research designed to identify the cause and cure for scleroderma, as well as improve methods of treatment.

#### **Education**

Enhance the public's awareness of this disease.

## WHAT IS SCLERODERMA?

Literally, scleroderma means "hard skin" yet it's better characterized as the hardening of the body's connective tissues through an overproduction of collagen. As collagen builds, fibrosis hardens tissues. It is chronic and characterized as an autoimmune disease.

About 300,000 persons in the United States are affected and there are millions of patients world-wide. Women are more likely than men to have scleroderma by a ratio of about 4:1.

The term scleroderma is an umbrella under which many specific types of the disease fall. Each type has its own course and treatment options to help patients live longer, better quality lives, until a cure is found.

# GREATER ROCHESTER, NY

## **CONTACT US**

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#### 2017 MEETINGS

#### **University of Rochester Medical Center**

601 Elmwood Ave Rochester, NY 14642

Conference Room ACF-A/B (Room location subject to change)

#### 1:00 pm

March II - Let's Get Things Moving

May 13 - How Do You Make Medical Decisions?

**September 9** - Maintaining a Healthy **Immune System** 

**November 11** - Family & Friends Celebration: Skin Issues In Scleroderma

# **2017 WALKS** STEPPING OUT TO **CURE SCLERODERMA**

#### REGISTER ONLINE

http://walks.SclerodermaTriState.org

Rochester, NY

June 3 | 9 am Seneca Park

Buffalo, NY

June 3 | 10 am Eastern Hills Mall

Binghamton, NY

June 4 | 9 am Otsiningo Park

Long Island, NY

June 4 | 9 am Wantagh Park

Albany, NY

June 4 | 6:30 pm Crossgates Mall

Hartford, CT

June 10 | 9 am University of St Joseph

Ridgefield Park, NJ

June II | 9 a.m. Overpeck Park Syracuse, NY

June II | 9 am Onondaga Lake Park

Manhattan, NY

June II | 9 am Riverside Park 96th Street

Westchester, NY and Stamford, CT have joined together

June II | 9 am Irvington Union Free High School

Poughkeepsie, NY

June 17 | 9 am Vassar College

Staten Island, NY

June 25 | 9 am Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk & Beach



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