



CRUISE FOR A CURE

**In loving memory of Al Crowl
A Scleroderma Fundraiser
Help Us Find a Cure for Scleroderma**

**Pike Creek Shopping Center
4732 Limestone Rd.
Wilm., DE
Saturday, April 25, 2020**

What is scleroderma?

Scleroderma is a chronic, often progressive autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. Symptoms may be visible, as when the skin is affected, or invisible, when only internal organs are affected. The symptoms of scleroderma vary greatly from individual to individual and the effects range from mild to severe. For some, scleroderma can be life threatening due to the severity of organ involvement.

What causes scleroderma?

The exact cause of the disease is unknown. Scleroderma involves an overproduction of collagen and can cause thickening and tightening of the skin, and, in some cases, serious damage to internal organs including lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus and the gastrointestinal tract. While there is no known cure, physicians can only treat troubling symptoms.

Who has scleroderma?

Anyone can develop scleroderma. Overall, females outnumber males, and the average patient is diagnosed in her 40's. It is a disease that affects how they live their daily lives. It is estimated that 300,000 people in the U.S. have some form of scleroderma.

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100% of proceeds from Cruise for a Cure will benefit the Scleroderma Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter. Make all checks payable to **SFDV**.

Sincerely,

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