April is Spondylitis Awareness Month, and May 4th is World AS Day. This year's Spondylitis Awareness project aims to bring faster diagnosis!

The average delay in diagnosing Spondylitis is 7 – 10 years. Help us reduce that number by reaching the medical professionals often visited by the undiagnosed: The Chiropractors.

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PRESS RELEASE:
Leading Arthritis Organizations Partner to Develop New Ankylosing Spondylitis and Axial Spondyloarthritis Guidelines

ATLANTA - March 20, 2013 -- The American College of Rheumatology (ACR), the Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network (SPARTAN) and the Spondylitis Association of America (SAA) have partnered to develop new ankylosing spondylitis and axial spondyloarthritis treatment guidelines, anticipated to be published in the summer of 2014.

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The Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis

New Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis On Spondylitis.org


- Meet Deanna Schmidt - "Hi, my name is Deanna Schmidt and I was diagnosed with A.S. in December 1996 at the age of 27."
  Click here to read Deanna's story >>>

- Meet James Barnett - "I have had Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS) for 30 years and I have been officially diagnosed with AS for 23 years. In the very beginning I was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) because the arthritis symptoms started in my left ankle and not
Meet Deb Wilcox - "I was finally diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis in January 2009 after what I can only describe as an uphill battle both physically and emotionally."

Click here to read Deb's story >>>

Upcoming Support Group Meetings

Upcoming support group meetings this month include:

- Chicago, IL - Thursday, April 11, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- Seattle, WA - Saturday, April 13, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- Boise, ID - Saturday, April 13, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- Los Angeles, CA - Sunday, April 14, 2013
  click here for details >>>

And more! View all SAA Sponsored Educational Support Groups by clicking here >>>

You can also stay informed of meetings in your area by joining SAA on Meetup.com
Click here for info >>>

This Month's Resource Highlight - ARTICLE: Osteoporosis is a readily preventable complication of AS

Dr. Walter P. Maksymowych wrote an article for our news magazine, Spondylitis Plus, discussing osteoporosis, brittle bones, vitamin D deficiency and more in ankylosing spondylitis.
Click here to read the article >>>

Help Support SAA!

You can help support our mission to be a leader in the quest to cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases, and to empower those affected to live life to the fullest by joining SAA, making a donation, or donating a vehicle.

Click here to learn how you can help >>>