Your Stories: Teens With AS & The Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis

New Stories On Spondylitis Web Info For Teens (SWIFT)

- **Meet Jack, High School Freshman** - "I was diagnosed with juvenile spondyloarthritis (JspA) in March of 2012. It was a relief to get a solid diagnosis on the problem I had."
  Click here to read Jack's story >>>

New Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis On Spondylitis.org

- **Meet Timi Alderman** - "I was misdiagnosed for so long. I thought that I was going to have to deal with this pain for the rest of my life. The pain was so bad I would spend days in bed and company that came over would congregate in my bedroom."
  Click here to read Timi's story >>>

- **Meet Karly Sevinsky** - "My saving grace was finding Dr. Hema Salvady. She assured me from the start that even if it took forever she would find an answer. She was the first doctor to even bother running genetic tests."
  Click here to read Karly's story >>>

News - 911: Emergency First Responders & Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)

Although not everyone who has AS will have spinal fusion, it is important that
emergency first responders understand that people with spondylitis need special care. It is also important to personally take steps to ensure that, in case of an emergency, those taking care of you are aware of your condition.

Click here to read the full story in SAA's online news >>>

Matt's "KickAS" Run

SAA donor & volunteer, Matt Tannenbaum, is running a 1/2 marathon to benefit SAA. Here's the lowdown:

"This March, I'm running the Rock 'n' Roll USA 1/2 Marathon in DC on behalf of the Spondylitis Association of America...The money we raise will 1) fund new medical research dedicated to curing and treating AS, 2) help broaden the scope and impact of social services geared to those managing AS, and 3) implement measures to help detect AS early on in hopes of preserving a high quality of life for current and future generations."

Click here to read more and donate on Crowdrise.com >>>

Three on a Match?

With matching gifts you can sometimes double or even triple your gift to SAA!

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. To find out if your company has a matching gift policy, please contact your Human Resources Department.

Upcoming Support Group Meetings

Upcoming support group meetings this month include:

- Atlanta, GA - Saturday, March 16, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- San Diego, CA - Saturday, March 16, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- Richmond, VA - Tuesday, March 26, 2013
  click here for details >>>
- Tucson, AZ – Thursday, April 4, 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:
VIDEO: Areas of Inflammation in Ankylosing Spondylitis

In this excerpt from our educational/training video, "Ankylosing Spondylitis: Managing Patients in an Emergency Setting, A Primer for First Responders", Dr. Gary Vilke reviews the areas of the body most commonly affected in ankylosing spondylitis.
Click here to watch on YouTube >>>

Click here to visit SAA's YouTube channel to watch more educational videos, see personal stories from SAA members and more >>>

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 >>>