eSUN - May 2013 - The Best Medicine Event, SAA's STAND TALL App & More...

The Best Medicine: A Night of Comedy to Benefit the Spondylitis Association of America

Join us at the Comedy Strip Live in New York, NY on June 13, 2013 at 8:00pm for great laughs, complimentary food & beverages, and more! This is a special fundraiser event with limited seating to benefit the Spondylitis Association of America.

Click here for scheduled acts and to purchase tickets >>>

SAA Surveys | Spondylitis Medication Accessibility

We've developed a questionnaire to better understand difficulties patients here in the US may have accessing certain medications prescribed for spondylitis.
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Spondylitis Awareness Events Wrap-Up

April was Spondylitis Awareness Month, and May 4th this year was World AS Day. Read on for a recap of events, projects, and accomplishments by the Spondylitis Community in honor of Spondylitis Awareness. A big Thank You to all who took part in this year’s awareness & advocacy efforts!

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SAA News | The Tumor-Necrosis-Factor Alpha (TNF-a) Blockers: An Overview

The Tumor-Necrosis-Factor alpha (TNF-a) blockers are biologic medications that have been shown to be highly effective in treating not only the arthritis of the joints but the spinal arthritis associated with ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and related diseases.
The Spring 2013 Issue of Spondylitis Plus is Now Available!

Articles include: An Updated Overview of Spondyloarthritis: A Family of Related Diseases, Living with Psoriatic Arthritis, Creative Coping: Diversion Therapy, and more...

Click here to read the featured article from this issue >>>

The Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis

New Faces Of Ankylosing Spondylitis On Spondylitis.org


- **Meet Deanna Williams** - "I am 27 years old. I've just been diagnosed with AS in June this year, even though I've been in pain since my late teens."
  Click here to read Deanna's story >>>

- **Meet Jake Chegahno** - "Everyday things get a little better, I am in a band now, we have been playing shows around town and I had a song of mine played on the radio."
  Click here to read Jake's story >>>

- **Meet Kacie Van Calster** - "While I was growing up, my life revolved around sports, softball in particular. Nothing brought a huge smile upon my face like stepping out on the pitcher's mound. The diagnosis of AS crushed me, especially because I was getting ready to start my senior year of softball."
  Click here to read Kacie's story >>>

Upcoming Support Group Meetings

Upcoming support group meetings this month include:

- Phoenix, AZ – Saturday, May 18, 2013  
  click here for details >>>

- Bismarck, ND - Saturday, May 18, 2013  
  click here for details >>>

- San Diego, CA – Saturday, May 18, 2013  
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- Van Nuys, CA – Sunday, May 19, 2013

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Philadelphia, PA - Sunday, May 19, 2013
Richmond, VA – Tuesday, May 28, 2013
New York, NY – Wednesday, May 29, 2013

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 - Medication Assistance Programs
We’ve updated our list of assistance programs that can help with the cost of medications, co-pays, and other healthcare needs.
Click here to read about the programs available >>>

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.
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