## SAVE THE DATE!

**Patient Educational Seminar in Brooklyn, NY**

This FREE event will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Ave Brooklyn, NY 11217, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A delicious, complimentary breakfast will be offered in the exclusive Calvin Klein Courtside Club inside the arena starting at 10:00 a.m. We'd like to thank Barclays Center - home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets - for generously donating space and for helping to make this a truly special event.

The program includes a presentation from Dr. John Reveille and ample time for questions as well as a chance to share information and mix and mingle with other patients, families and friends.

[Click here to learn more and register for the seminar]([link](#))
SAA News | What Is Axial Spondyloarthritis (AxSpA)?

A relatively new term has been seen more and more in medical literature over the past few years: Axial spondyloarthritis (AxSpA). Although as of this writing it is not fully recognized as an official diagnosis by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) here in the United States, it has gained traction in Europe. This specific classification of spondyloarthritis was originally developed by the Assessment of Spondyloarthritis International Society (ASAS).

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SAA Research News | Seeking Identical Twins for a New Ankylosing Spondylitis Study

The microbiome, the bacteria which inhabit our bodies especially in the intestine, is emerging as an exciting area for scientific study.

The SAA has been contacted by a rheumatologist who wants to compare the microbiome in identical twins if one twin is affected by ankylosing spondylitis and the other is not.
DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

SAA depends upon the generosity of members and friends to help fund the important programs and services that the spondylitis community has come to rely upon. And now, there's never been a better time to give.

Today, and through the end of October, your gift will have double the impact. The Jean and E. Floyd Kvamme Foundation has graciously offered to match, dollar for dollar, all donations up to $25,000.

Each and every gift received during this period will go twice as far advancing research, providing education and support, and advocating on behalf of the spondylitis community.

A $50 gift right now will put us $100 closer to the day that spondylitis will be a household name. Please consider a gift today to ensure that your generosity has double the impact.

Do you think SAA is a Great Nonprofit? Tell the world!

GreatNonprofits.org allows users to rate nonprofit organizations like the SAA. Please take a minute and review the Spondylitis Association and let the world know how SAA has helped you. Visit our GreatNonprofits page and share your experience. Thank you for your support!

We only need 5 more reviews to be listed as a Top Rated Health Nonprofit for the year! >>>

This Month's Resource Highlight - SWIFT - Spondylitis Web Info For Teens

SAA's SWIFT website is a great online resource for teens regarding spondyloarthritis. The site is full of stories from teens, tips for school 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 >>>