*|FNAME|*, here is your eSUN for March 2014!

*Items include:* Ankylosing Spondylitis Podcast: “Speaking of Health with Dr. B”, $150 Incentive for Interviews (AS Symptomatic But Undiagnosed) & more...

**“Speaking of Health with Dr. B” Radio Program Takes on Spondylitis!**

David G. Borenstein, MD, better known as Dr. B to his radio audience, speaks with our own Executive Director Laurie Savage about the needs of the spondylitis community - including advocacy, greater awareness, patient support, additional treatment options, and of course the pressing need for a cure. Ms. Savage also discusses how SAA is striving to meet those needs and how patients are getting involved by advocating for themselves and others.

Click here to read more and listen to the podcast >>>

**Upcoming Support Group Meetings**

- **Northeast Wyoming** - New Group & First Meeting! - Saturday, March 22, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Augusta, ME** – Thursday, April 3, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Tucson, AZ** - Thursday, April 3, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Phoenix, AZ** - Saturday, April 5, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Chicago, IL** - Thursday, April 10, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Indianapolis, IN** - Saturday, April 12, 2014
  Click here for details >>>
- **Los Angeles, CA** - Sunday, April 13, 2014
  Click here for details >>>

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

**$150 Incentive for Interviews (AS Symptomatic But Undiagnosed)**

The following is an announcement from SAA about a 3rd party study by pfc Medical Opinion Research. SAA is not affiliated with the study. SAA does not endorse or recommend any medications or
products for spondylitis, and always advises that you seek the counsel of a physician before initiating any treatment for spondylitis.

Do you or a family member believe you may have AS but are as yet undiagnosed? pfc Medical Opinion Research is interested in gaining some insight into the day-to-day challenges people face, as well as some of the issues they may have experienced with diagnosis and treatment. **NOTE: The quota for AS diagnosed patients has been filled.**

The telephone interview will last for no more than one hour; you will be paid an honorarium of $150 as a thank-you for taking the time to participate. If you would like to participate, please call David Leonard at 212.289.0087 for more information.

Click here for an SAA news item on the interview process >>>

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**Walk Your A.S. Off, Round Three!**

Walk Your A.S. Off is a grassroots, community Walk for Ankylosing Spondylitis. Started and managed by AS advocate and SAA member, Jennifer Dye Visscher, this effort takes place over the span of two months as participants log the steps taken each day. It is an opportunity to walk with others in the spondylitis community for our shared goals.

Click here to learn more and get moving! >>>

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**SAA Advocacy: Patients’ Access to Treatments Act of 2013**

As part of our advocacy efforts, the Spondylitis Association of America is part of a coalition supporting the Patients’ Access to Treatments Act of 2013.

Some health insurance policies are now moving necessary, yet costly medications into “specialty tiers” that utilize high patient cost-sharing methods. The specialty tiers (Tier IV and higher) commonly require patients to pay a percentage of the actual cost of these drugs – from 25% to 33% or more, often costing hundreds, even thousands of dollars per month for a single medication – rather than a fixed, flat dollar co-payment. These practices are placing medically-necessary treatments out of reach of average insured Americans. They may also lead to increased rates of disability and rising healthcare costs as more patients forego treatment.

Click here to read an FAQ on the act >>>

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**Donate Today!**

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 >>>

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