

FSR is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving care for sarcoidosis patients and to finding a cure for this disease. Since 2000, FSR has worked diligently to provide resources to thousands of patients, their families and their physicians as well as funded numerous research efforts. We extend our thanks to the patient advocates who help FSR increase local access to information and support.

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Conference Location

Embassy Suites
Airport-Convention Center, North Charleston
5055 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418

Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved with a conference rate of \$139 per room (two double beds plus one pull-out sofa or one king plus one pull-out sofa). This rate includes breakfast and a Manager's Reception each day. For reservations call the hotel directly at 843-747-1882. Please reference: Sarcoidosis Conference.

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FSR Sarcoidosis Patient Conference

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Charleston, South Carolina

The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research is committed to providing patients with access to cutting-edge information about their disease. The preliminary conference agenda was developed with the support of patient leaders who serve on the Support Group Advisory Council working in collaboration with our 2009 Conference Director, Milton Rossman, MD.

We hope you will join us for this important educational opportunity targeted towards patients and their families.

Preliminary Agenda

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Welcome

Andrea Wilson, FSR President

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

What Is Sarcoidosis?

This comprehensive overview will feature illustrations of the varied presentations and clinical courses of the disease.

Milton D. Rossman, MD, Conference Director
(University of Pennsylvania Medical Center)

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM

Current Theories about the Cause of Sarcoidosis

Many causative agents of sarcoidosis have been proposed, but which organisms are currently being targeted by researchers?

Wonder Drake, MD (Vanderbilt University)

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Pathogenesis & New Directions for Treatment

How does research on the mechanisms of disease progression influence treatment strategies?

Dan Culver, DO (Cleveland Clinic)

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Treating the 21st Century Patient

Although corticosteroids remain the first-line therapy for sarcoidosis patients, there are few randomized trials to guide physicians. Learn about the proper use of steroids and about other drugs for the steroid resistant or intolerant patient.

Proper Use of Corticosteroids & Methods to Control Side Effects: Marc Judson, MD

(Medical University of South Carolina)

Targeted Therapy for Sarcoidosis:

Robert Baughman, MD (University of Cincinnati)

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Questions & Answers

The Panel will discuss answers to questions previously submitted by those who registered for the conference. Additional time will be available during the luncheon round-table for follow up.

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Luncheon & Round Table Discussions

Physicians with expertise in sarcoidosis will be joined by representatives of the Support Group Advisory Council at each table to facilitate small group discussions related to patient experiences.

1:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Quality of Life & Depression

Long term illness can cause emotional problems along with the physical ones. What factors have the biggest impact on psychological health and what new tools are researchers using to assess quality of life?

Elyse Lower, MD (University of Cincinnati)

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Providing Successful Support to Patients & Peers

This interactive discussion will be presented by the FSR Support Group Advisory Council.

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

The Patient's Role in Sarcoidosis Research

Learn how you can support research through participation in advocacy initiatives, clinical trials and tissue donation.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Networking Reception

Registration Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Names of other attendees included in this registration:

I would like the following issue addressed during the Question & Answer Session:

\$60 Registration Fee (includes luncheon & afternoon reception)

Meal preference:

Vegetarian lunch or Chicken lunch

I cannot attend but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the Foundation.

No refunds after March 9, 2009.

_____ Registrations @ \$60 each = _____

Donation: _____

Total Due: _____

Please make checks payable to the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (or FSR).

To register with a credit card.

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Mail registration with check or credit card information to:
FSR, Attention Patient Conference Registrar, 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60603.

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www.stopsarcoidosis.org/conference.