

Now is the Time For Sarcoidosis



"I was scared to death to receive a diagnosis of sarcoidosis. Working in the medical field, I was familiar with sarcoidosis, and I still did not know where to turn. I went to FSR and found the website but there was no local outreach group at that time." - Amy

Far too many people impacted by sarcoidosis, like Amy, can relate to how scared and lost they felt after being diagnosed. During awareness month, Amy shared with us why she believes, now is the time for sarcoidosis. Her voice echoes those we hear and fight for every day and fuels the path to progress.

Now is the time to improve clinical care and make strides in research. Leading researchers, industry partners, and government entities have learned more research, better treatments, improved diagnostic pathways, and a cure for sarcoidosis is critical. Last year, there was only 1 sponsored clinical trial and now there are 11 trials in progress working to improve treatments for sarcoidosis.

Clinician education programs are thriving through our growing FSR-Global Sarcoidosis Clinic Alliance (FSR-GSCA) reaching nearly 1,000 clinicians world-wide. This Alliance, now 40 member institutions strong representing 25 states, has created a network of patients, caregivers, clinics, hospitals, and individual providers committed to finding a cure and offering evidence-based, patient-centric care. Through this network, the development of institutional sarcoidosis leadership committees and programming to improve the care and diagnosis pathways through patient and clinician support exists.

"FSR has come so far. There are now outreach and support groups all over the country, specialty clinics, educated clinicians, and comprehensive education and resources for newly diagnosed patients." - Amy



With your help, FSR has built bridges and relationships with Congress to make sarcoidosis a priority! In May, FSR was in the Halls of Congress and hosted a Congressional Briefing where we released a 60-page white paper, to raise awareness of the challenges of sarcoidosis. We were joined by a bi-partisan group of legislators committed to advancing sarcoidosis research and clinical trial access for all. Now is the time for big, bold steps!

FSR is driving action for those impacted by sarcoidosis, but we can't do this without your help. Now is the time for sarcoidosis to take center stage resulting in life-changing progress for those living with and treating this disease.

If you have already donated, we thank you! If you have not yet donated, please help us to build on the momentum to improve the lives of those impacted by sarcoidosis. We hope you will consider becoming a monthly donor to help us sustain and build on our efforts. By making a monthly gift, you will be taking steps to help create lasting change and progress with us.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

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