

Scleroderma Awareness Month 2025

June is Scleroderma Awareness Month, and in 2025, the National Scleroderma Foundation is honoring the strength and resilience of the scleroderma community through this year's theme: Stories of Strength.

Throughout the month, the Foundation is inviting individuals affected by scleroderma to share their stories, photos, and messages to help raise awareness and inspire others.

This national campaign is about connection, visibility, and education. Through a series of awareness and advocacy activities, the Foundation aims to bring scleroderma to the forefront of public conversation. From participating in Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma walks to joining the Foundation's #TealTalk series, there are many ways to get involved.

Supporters are encouraged to help light up their hometowns in teal - the awareness color - by requesting local landmarks, bridges, city buildings, and fountains to be illuminated.

These visible displays help spark curiosity and conversations in communities across the country. In addition, the Foundation encourages advocates to work with local and state officials to issue official proclamations recognizing June as Scleroderma Awareness Month.

The month culminates on June 29, World Scleroderma Day - a global observance that honors the legacy of artist Paul Klee, who lived with systemic sclerosis, and pays tribute to all those impacted by the disease.

To learn more, get involved, or share your own story, visit the National Scleroderma Foundation's website at <u>scleroderma.org/awareness</u>.