We're not walking, we're talking!

And driving global awareness all year long...

All proceeds will benefit the
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
AUTOIMMUNE & AUTOINFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS
(AIARTHRITIS)

Host YOUR Charity Talk Team - 2021!

In person, online - whatever you prefer. You organize a team, we provide materials ... then starting talking!
Host Your AiArthritis AUTO Drive Charity TALK!

Create a Team and Host an Event - Fundraise, Lead Auto-themed Awareness Activities, & Share Awareness Materials

Create a Team Only -(NO EVENT) Fundraise & Share Awareness Materials

Hosting a Charity Talk is Easy!

Want to help teach others about AUTOimmune & AUTOinflammatory Arthritis diseases? Well do it in a fun, creative, and memorable way! The first step is to make the commitment to participate in our month long Charity Talk. Set up an official Charity Talk Team page, name your team, then invite people to join it. Choose whether you would like to host your own event in person or online (we will provide downloadable instructions and materials for your event) OR simply raise funds and invite people on your team to learn more by sharing some of our AUTO-themed awareness resources.

The more people who learn about our diseases the more chance we will have to expedite detection, diagnosis, access to therapy, increased rates of remission, and improved quality of life.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

A Charity Talk is our organization's version of a typical Charity Walk, but instead of gathering family and friends to walk to raise awareness we are gathering family and friends to learn more about our diseases (and, as a result, raise awareness) by viewing creative AUTO-themed educational materials and/or participating in AUTO-themed educational activities. Either way, it’s fun, it’s easy, and it will AUTOMatically DRIVE attention to our cause.
Why support the work we do?

Testimonials

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I do not know any other nonprofit in the world who gives so much attention to those who struggle to get a diagnosis. In my case, I look fine, my blood work is normal and I have no radiographic evidence of damage. The doctors I had seen didn’t believe anything was wrong with me, but I was suffering. The International Foundation for AiArthritis has helped me find my voice to advocate for my diagnosis, helped me understand what questions to ask and how to communicate better to find the right rheumatologist for me. I have since found a doctor who listens and I’m on my way to getting my quality of life back!

- June, United Kingdom

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I have learned so much from the patients who lead the International Foundation for AiArthritis. They not only attend important conferences, they report back what they learned. Even if offered an opportunity to attend such events, my disease limitations make it impossible. I have followed other nonprofits for years, but none have given me this much opportunity to be an insider on their work. I truly feel like I’m there with them and that I am working with them to create solutions that matter to me. I am changing the world, as they say, “from my sofa!”

- Rebecca, Lupus, United States of America

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There is no more isolating experience than fighting an illness which others don’t understand and, therefore, dismiss. What I have is a full body disease that attacks my joints, tissues, and organs. It affects every aspect of my life... being able to play with my child, my ability to work full time, and when I can’t attend gatherings with family and friends. I’m labeled as just lazy or selfish. Awareness may not be able to help me physically, at this point, but if others understood truly what I’m dealing with then at least I could have peace of mind.

- Jamie, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Australia

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The doctor told us our child was just experiencing growing pains. ‘Arthritis’ was never considered because he was three years old. Thank goodness we decided to get a second opinion and he was diagnosed with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) after about six months. He’s been on treatments and doing much better, even able to participate in sports. I know some kids with these diseases aren’t so fortunate.”

- Dave, parent of child with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
How Your Support Drives Impact

Your support will help us connect those affected by AIArthritis diseases to conversations with other stakeholder groups so we can identify and solve the most pressing issues impacting education, advocacy, and research today.

Programs & Mission Work
- Building on existing platforms that enable all people affected by our diseases to have a voice — regardless of geography, disease limitations, or prior patient advocacy experience.
- Developing education and collaborative efforts to expedite precision medicine so that patients have early access to the best treatments and, in turn, experience enhanced quality of life, higher rates of remission, and less disability.
- Current efforts to expedite early detection and improve outcomes with patient-reported disease materials and associated support and awareness programs.

Our award-winning AIArthritis Voices 360 talk show/podcast invites patients “to the table” as equal participants in discussions with other stakeholders. Then, together, we solve the most pressing patient-reported issues and develop resources to impact change. Since there are millions of people worldwide living with AIArthritis diseases, it is important to discuss various topics and include many viewpoints. So we have joined forces with over a dozen other patients from around the world who share co-hosting responsibilities and ensure we count all voices.

Capacity
Thanks to your support, in the last year we have tripled our support team, adding two administrative assistants, a community manager, and AIArthritis Voices 360 production team. We have also enlisted the help of dozens of volunteers to help develop and facilitate our programs. A portion of the funds raised at this event will help strengthen and build our infrastructure so we can continue our initiatives to impact education, advocacy, and research.

New Initiatives
No other nonprofit has the level of community insight that we do. Our daily communication with one another, combined with our own lived experiences, organically enables us to identify topics of interest and immediately brainstorm potential solutions. We choose our new initiatives based on these discussions, so the patient voice is always driving our mission.
Some of the autoimmune and autoinflammatory arthritis diseases (AiArthritis diseases) we focus on at this organization include Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA), Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), Sjögren’s Syndrome (SS), Axial Spondylitis/Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS) & Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA), Adult Onset Still’s Disease (AOSD)/Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (sJIA), Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), Undifferentiated Disease (UD)* and juvenile versions of the above diseases.

You can see a full list of AiArthritis diseases at www.aiarthritis.org/diseases

*Undifferentiated Disease is an umbrella term used when symptoms are not fully developed, or overlap, so a precise diagnosis cannot be determined. This highly impacts access to early intervention.

For more information about managing your Charity Talk, contact Katie Simons
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View our FAQ page at https://www.aiarthritis.org/charitytalk about

This page will be updated regularly with new questions and answers!