



29 October
World Psoriasis Day

The International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)

The International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) is a nonprofit organization made up of psoriasis associations from around the world.

IFPA gives nonprofit psoriasis associations a global voice to campaign on behalf of 125 million people who have psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and explore the challenges psoriasis presents to the international psoriasis community. IFPA provides the unity that strengthens everyone's ability to support research that will someday find a cause and a cure for these diseases. IFPA grows stronger with each new member organization which gives us the influence to gain worldwide attention from those who can help us beat psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

IFPA unites psoriasis associations so that their global campaign for improved medical care, greater public understanding and increased research will improve the lives of people who live with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

IFPA Vision

A world without human suffering from psoriasis.

IFPA Mission

To be the unifying global voice of all psoriasis associations, supporting, strengthening and promoting their cause at an international level.

IFPA GOALS

- **SECURE** universal access to treatment, to raise awareness and understanding of psoriasis and to change the treatment paradigm and end discrimination.
- **GROW** the IFPA national psoriasis association membership base to encompass all representative psoriasis associations.
- **COOPERATE** and become active partners with all relevant psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis stakeholder groups including medical associations, pharmaceutical companies and other relevant organizations.
- **INITIATE** and communicate all relevant market and clinical research in psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis and related diseases.
- IFPA has two major activities; World Psoriasis Day and World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference.

World Psoriasis Day October 29

Since 2003 October 29 is the World Psoriasis Day. Its primary purpose is to act as a focus for people - patients, doctors, nurses and the general public - to raise awareness of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and to give people with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis the attention and consideration they deserve. World Psoriasis Day is also a channel to encourage health authorities to offer better access to the most appropriate treatments.

More than 40 local, national and international patient associations and support groups are active in celebrating World Psoriasis Day - and the numbers are growing. World Psoriasis Day is a truly global event and the most important and successful awareness raising activity of IFPA and the member organizations.

Explore our web, www.worldpsoriasisday.com, to find out more about what is happening for **World Psoriasis Day** in your country this year.

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2nd World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference 2009

In June 2009 over 900 dermatologists and rheumatologist gathered in Stockholm for the **2nd World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference**. The theme "**Psoriasis - Skin and Beyond**" recognizes the many diverse and emerging issues involved with psoriasis including new scientific facts about co-morbidities, the patients perspective, burden of the disease, lifestyle issues and the patients right to access the best care and treatments.

The recent progress in the understanding of the disease has been remarkable. According to the years of life lost due to disability and premature death, access to the appropriate treatment modalities is mandatory to improve the health perspectives of psoriasis patients. Psoriasis should be recognized as a disabling disease and treated accordingly.

As a result of the these new insights IFPA, is urging the WHO and other official health authorities to react upon and develop means and measures to improve the health-associated impairments the huge community of patients suffering from psoriasis all over world.

Psoriasis is a real disability that deserves attention!

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