



THE MYOSITIS ASSOCIATION®

MAY 1-31, 2024

Myositis Awareness Month



Myositis Awareness Month is Here!

Check out all the terrific programming happening this week!

**May 8 Empowerment Clinic
Inflammatory Myopathy:
Integrating Lifestyle
Medicine to Optimize How
You Feel with Neha
Bhanusali, MD**

REGISTER TODAY

EMPOWERMENT CLINIC

**INFLAMMATORY MYOPATHY:
INTEGRATING LIFESTYLE MEDICINE TO
OPTIMIZE HOW YOU FEEL**

Free Webinar

NEHA BHANUSALI, MD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024
6PM ET | 5 PM CT | 4 PM MT | 3 PM PT

**May 9 Amplifying the Voice
of Myositis Patients at FDA
hosted by TMA and
TMA Women with IBM
Affinity Group**

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TMA and
TMA Women with IBM
Affinity Group
presents



Amplifying the Voice of Myositis Patients at the FDA

Julie C. Tierney, JD

Deputy Center Director for Strategy, Policy and Legislation
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER),
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

REGISTER
TODAY

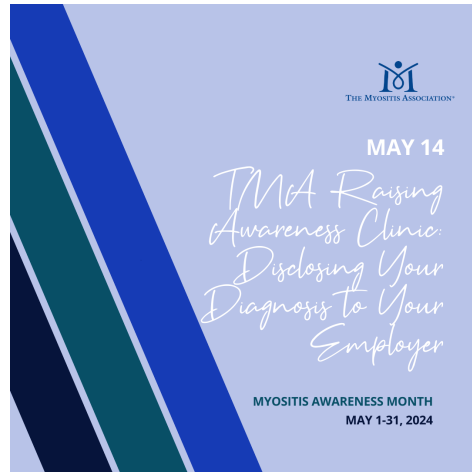



May 9, 2024
7:00 PM ET



May 14 TMA Raising Awareness Clinic: Disclosing Your Diagnosis to Your Employer

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FREE IN PERSON EVENT

Physical and Occupational Therapists' Guide to Myositis

Sarasota, Florida

For OTs, PTs, OTAs, PTAs

Earn 2 CEUS

WEDNESDAY
May 15, 2024

START AT
5:00-8:00 PM ET



REGISTER BY
MAY 11

Light dinner provided

TRAINING PROVIDED BY
JOHNS HOPKINS
MYOSITIS
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TMA
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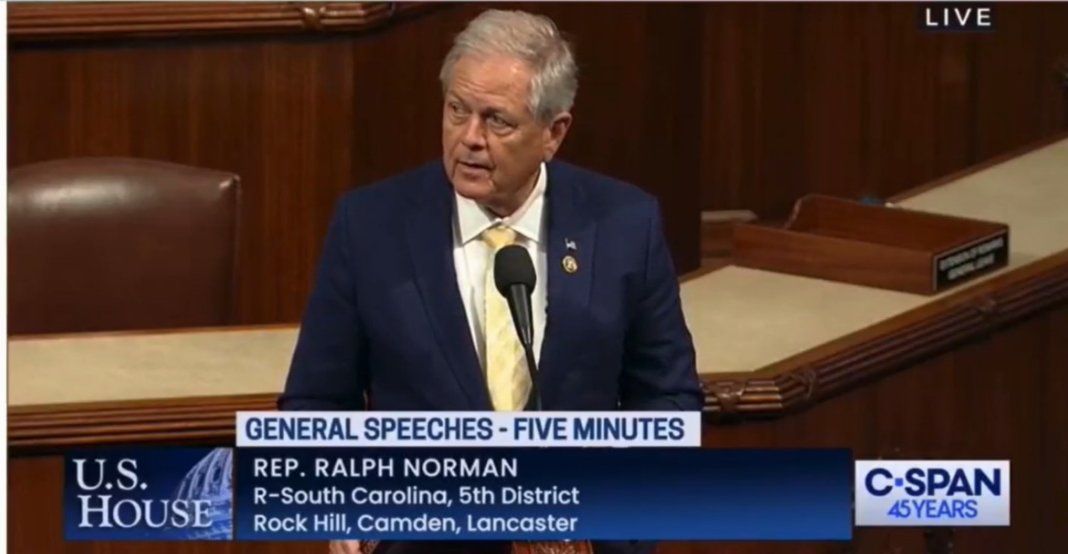
SCAN TO REGISTER



May 15 Myositis Symposium for Occupational and Physical Therapists hosted by TMA Southwest Florida

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National Recognition of Myositis Awareness Month!



Myositis Awareness Month started off with a bang, with a recognition of May as Myositis Awareness Month from the floor of the US House of Representatives by Congressman Ralph Noman from South Carolina.

Mr. Norman was persuaded to offer this recognition by his constituent Chip Galloway, a member of TMA's Board of Directors. The speech was broadcast live on C-SPAN on the morning of May 1, 2024. It was an exciting sendoff for a month of great recognition for myositis diseases!

You too can raise awareness in your community in this way. Find out how with [TMA's Myositis Awareness Month Tools and Tips](#).

[WATCH NOW](#)

Conference Scholarship Applications Open Today!

Thanks to our generous donors, we have a limited number of scholarships available for TMA members who need financial assistance to attend the 2024 International Annual Patient Conference in Baltimore.

With a TMA scholarship, the registration cost is waived. Scholarship applications open on May 6, and close on June 10. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 5.



[LEARN MORE](#)

Raising Awareness: Sign Me Up!



In May, we go the extra mile to educate our communities to let people know what myositis is, how it affects us, and what we all can do about it.

New this year! TMA has downloadable “Ask Me about Myositis” signs in two sizes. One size can be taken to your local print shop and made into an 18x24in lawn sign. The smaller size is 8.5x11in so it can be printed at home or work, and taped in your window. So easy!

You can also pin up a copy at your neighborhood coffee shop, library, place of worship, or bookshop.

TMA also offers an “I Love Someone with Myositis” sign for your care partner, friends, family, or neighbors to display.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR SIGNS](#)

Start a fundraising campaign!

Are you interested in deepening TMA’s impact and raising awareness about myositis? Please consider starting your own fundraising campaign! We make it easy to raise awareness and support among your networks.

[Click here to get started!](#)

Once you’re up and running, share your fundraiser link with everyone you know in every way you know how!

Back to Basics: Conference FAQs

TMA’s 2024 International Annual Patient Conference is set for September 6-8 in Baltimore. Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions about the conference:

Are there ADA rooms available at the conference hotel?

The hotel is holding all of the ADA rooms at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel exclusively for TMA attendees. In addition, TMA has reserved all of the ADA rooms at the Baltimore Marriott at Camden Yards (across the street from the conference hotel) for our attendees' use.

Please indicate your need for an ADA room during the registration process. Proceed with booking a regular room at the Hilton and then a member of the TMA team will contact you regarding your ADA room request. Once the ADA rooms are full at the Hilton, we will begin assigning rooms at the Marriott. There are a limited number of ADA rooms available, and we are reaching capacity at this time.

Is there financial assistance to help me attend TMA's International Annual Patient Conference?

Yes - thanks to our generous donors, we have a limited number of conference scholarships available. With a TMA scholarship, the registration cost is waived. Scholarship applications will open on May 6, and close on June 10. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 5.

Can I volunteer on-site during TMA's International Annual Patient Conference?

Absolutely! Volunteers are essential to the conference's success. Only registered conference attendees may volunteer. Volunteer opportunities will include first-time conference buddies, session mic runners, marketers, and conference correspondents. Volunteer sign-up will open on June 17, and close on July 12.

[SEE ALL FAQs](#)

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Myositis Awareness Month Resources



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