

Happy New Year! This is the first HSF News Brief of the new year. In 2007 this publication will be a bi-monthly publication, or six newsletters per year instead of 12, so keep a look-out for the next issue in early April. Soon we will be publishing the HSF 2006 Annual Report online. We hope that you will celebrate the HSF's achievements, and share in our excitement about the new research activities that are underway. This year, we will be working hard to maintain our existing programs as well as develop other HSF programs, like the Physician Action Network (see below). We will also be devoting a good deal of time seeking funding and support for general operations, grants to researchers, and the upcoming 2008 HS Research Symposium which is scheduled for the fall of 2008 in San Diego, California. We would like to thank all of you for helping make 2006 a success, and look forward to an equally exciting and productive 2007!

~ Michelle Barlow, President & Robert Howes, Vice President

Rolling Out the HSF International Physician Action Network

The HSF will be launching the HSF International Physician Action Network within the next month. The program is now being tested by a variety of clinicians interested in treating HS, and is under review by our Medical & Scientific Advisory Board. Initially, we will be e/ mailing registration forms to interested healthcare providers, and will then implement an online registration process.



This program was made possible by a grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California. Healthcare and medical providers can contact us now at mstab@hs-foundation.org for a registration form

and/or additional information about this free service, which will not only help those affected by HS, but also assist other health and social service professionals find appropriate care for people affected by HS.

Laughter Sometimes is the Best Medicine

HSF Board Member Sylvia Shawcross has just published the book, “...But Never Mind All That,” a humorous and sometimes irreverent collection of stories that invokes a wide range of emotions, but will above all else, make you laugh. A longtime advocate for people who have HS and author of Chapter 27 in the book “Hidradenitis Suppurativa” released in late 2006, Ms. Shawcross is generously donating 5% of book sales to the HSF.



Thank you, Sylvia!

You can find more information about the book at: http://www.chelseabooks.ca/Never_mind.htm

A Few Other “Good Reads” You Don’t Want to Miss

There are several articles available on our website that provide timely and relevant information about HS that should be helpful for those affected by HS, their families, physicians, and the media. We would like to thank the publishers and the authors for their permissions. Please visit <http://www.hs-foundation.org/education/patient.htm> for more information.

In addition, the HSF highly recommends the landmark publication, “Hidradenitis Suppurativa,” edited by Drs. Gregor BE Jemec, Jean Revuz, and James J. Leyden. The book presents the best current knowledge about the diagnosis, pathogenesis and complications of HS; comprehensive guidelines on diagnosis and therapy; and personal perspectives from those affected by HS. The publisher, Springer, is donating a portion of their sales of the book to the HSF. To read more about the book and order your copy today, please visit: <http://www.springer.com/3-540-33100-X>

The HSF Research Database

Supporting those with HS and those who study & treat HS

Thirty-one new documents were added to the HSF Research Database in the past few months. The Database can be accessed for FREE by registering online at: <http://hs-foundation.org/research/database.htm>

Here is a list of the additions, which should act as a reminder to our subscribers to check the database frequently.

Added to global FTP Database:

2007 Infiximab for severe HS Transient clinical efficacy in 7 consecutive patients Fardet
2007 Abstract Adalimumab in the management of HS Yamauchi
2007 Abstract HS & craniofacial hyperhidrosis secondary to SSRIs Rajaratnam
2006 Abstract Scanner_assisted CO2 laser surgery for the treatment of HS video presentation (SWEDISH) Lapins
2006 Bacteraemia in HS patients undergoing CO2 laser surgery Sartorius
2006 Hidradenitis should not be renamed acne inversa Scheinfeld
2006 Rx atypical HS with Etanercept Henderson
2006 Familial Follicular Occlusion Triad (IN CHINESE) Wang
2006 Pilonidal sinus of the supra_auricle area Yokoyama
2006 Hypothesis relating cicatricial alopecias to follicular occlusion triad Stenn
2006 Chronic draining perianal sinuses Sohail
2005 Presentation HS and Crohns Disease (IN FRENCH) Contou
2005 Thesis Maladie de Verneuil and Zinc (IN FRENCH) Brocard
2005 Diagnosis of follicular Occlusion Triad (IN CHINESE) Yu
2004 Anogenital Pyoderma_Hidradenitis Suppurativa (IN JAPANESE) Miyazaki
2001 La maladie de Verneuil (IN FRENCH) Soudan
2000 Case of Follicular occlusion triad (IN CHINESE) Xiao
1902 Hidrosadenitis phlegmonosa s. suppurativa (IN GERMAN) Torok
1896 Hidrosadenitis van Harlingen
1892 Abces tubereux_Hidrosadenite (IN FRENCH) Duplay
1891 Acnitis_folliculites_perifolliculites (IN FRENCH) Barthelemy
1881 Hydrosadenite Phlegmoneuse (IN FRENCH) Kaposi
1869 Hidrosadenite (IN FRENCH) Baudot
1866 Hidrosadenite (IN FRENCH) Bazin
1865 De l'hidrosadenite phlegmoneuse et des abces sudoripares 3 (IN FRENCH) Verneuil
1865 De l'hidrosadenite phlegmoneuse et des abces sudoripares 2 (IN FRENCH) Verneuil
1865 de l hidrosadenite (IN FRENCH) Bazin
1864 De l'hidrosadenite phlegmoneuse et des abces sudoripares (IN FRENCH) Verneuil

Added to HS Case Law/ Media Items Folder:

2006 Woman dies of Cancer_delay in diagnosis blamed Mass_Lawyers Wkly_Arch
2006 Network helps uninsured receive quality care Anderson
1999 Dr. Internet will see you now Foss

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You can also help the HSF by sending comments or additional reference source materials to info@hs-foundation.org

Use of Articles on the HSF FTP Research Database

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Meetings in 2007

The International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD) is a worldwide organization consisting of practitioners from many specialties who are involved in the care of women with vulvovaginal disease. They are sponsoring the following events:

Vulvovaginal Disease 2007

A one day course on March 30, 2007 at the Sheraton Needham Hotel in Needham (Boston), MA.

2007 Vulvovaginal Postgraduate Course

A 2 day course on July 26 & 27, 2007 at the Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside in Vancouver, BC.

For more information, please visit <http://www.issvd.org> or call Debbie Roepe at (704) 814-9493.

You can also find patient information about HS and other vulvovaginal diseases on the ISSVD website [HERE](#).

If you would like to announce a professional meeting or presentation about HS in the HSF News Brief, please send a short press release, including contact information, to info@hs-foundation.org.

