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The graphic is a dark green and black geometric shape. On the left, white text reads: 'Upcoming Spondylitis Educational Seminar on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, IL!'. On the right, white text reads: 'SAVE THE DATE! 10/20/2018'. In the center, there is a small photograph of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a dark top, speaking at a podium. Behind her is a screen displaying text related to AS research, including 'epidemiologic sever', 'ted with AS', 'of developing AS is', 'with smaller contribu', 'ERAP1', and '2p15, 21q22'.

## Upcoming Spondylitis Educational Seminar in Chicago, IL

Join us Saturday, October 20, 2018 for an informal and informative seminar with expert guest speakers and friends of SAA. Program details to come soon. You can pre-register for this free event by contacting us at [Programs@spondylitis.org](mailto:Programs@spondylitis.org).



## **New Clinical Trial Opportunity for Adults with Ankylosing Spondylitis.**

A phase 4 clinical trial is now recruiting patients over the age of 18 with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS) to participate in a study evaluating the clinical difference between 300 mg and 150 mg of secukinumab.

[Learn More!](#)



## **SAA Funded Research Update**

As an integral component of its mission and ongoing commitment to fund research for a cure for spondyloarthritis (SpA), the Spondylitis Association of America (SAA) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 SAA/Bruckel Early Career Investigator Award in AxSpA and additional grants for funding exploratory research.

[Read More!](#)



## Chronic Rheumatic Diseases and Pregnancy

Chronic rheumatic diseases can be potentially debilitating conditions with a high risk of lifelong complications. However, women of childbearing age experience further challenges as these diseases introduce a unique situation where a lack of consistent information and proper counseling can interfere with the woman's ability to plan a safe and healthy pregnancy.

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## New Your Story Added: Rose Bigham

"This week I flew out to Baltimore (from Seattle! Looong flight!) to attend a public meeting at FDA headquarters in Silver Spring. They held a public meeting to hear directly from chronic pain patients from all over the country about their symptoms, severity, barriers to care, and well – opioids and other alternatives for pain relief."

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## Upcoming Support Group Meetings

**Spokane, WA** – Saturday, August 4, 2018 – [Details](#)

**Orange County, CA** – Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – [Details](#)

**Nashville, TN** – Thursday, August 9, 2018 – [Details](#)

**New York City, NY** – Thursday, August 9, 2018 – [Details](#)

**Lansing, MI** – Saturday, August 11, 2018 – [Details](#)

**Los Angeles, CA** – Sunday, August 12, 2018 – [Details](#)

**Orlando, FL** – Sunday, August 12, 2018 – [Details](#)

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