

{tab=What We Do}

Our most important objectives are to provide patients and doctors worldwide with information about pemphigus and pemphigoid, and to provide patients and their caregivers much needed comfort and support so they can continue to live active, productive lives. To help fulfill those objectives, we:

- offer a physician referral service to help patients find the best medical care possible;
- provide a number of valuable and popular patient support services;
- publish informational brochures, pamphlets and a quarterly newsletter with news, useful information, medical updates, personal stories and more;
- run an annual Patient/Doctor meeting;
- collaborate with pharmaceutical companies on the leading edge of treating these diseases;
- provide up-to-date information about current clinical trials and research on the disease in which patients may be able to participate;
- maintain relationships with Congressional representatives and others who may be able to encourage or provide research funding.

To ensure that we are able to provide the most current information about the disease and treatments, we have developed and continue to maintain close relationships with doctors and leaders in the medical community, including the National Institutes of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), part of the National Institutes of Health, and the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). The IPPF is also an active member of a number of other organizations that help us fulfill our role as patient advocates and enable us to have more impact as we work together: National Health Council (NHC), the Coalition of Skin Diseases (CSD) and the International Alliance of Patient Organizations (IAPO).

{tab=Mission}

### **Our Mission**

The IPPF provides direct access to innovative and effective support that promotes the very best health care, improves quality of life, stimulates community resources, advocates for favorable government policies, accelerates the pace of scientific discovery and is the world's best source of information on pemphigus and pemphigoid. We are compassionate in understanding, tireless

in service, and relentless in advocating. One person at a time, we make a difference, building a community of care and hope.

## Our Vision

The IPPF is the pre-eminent global organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people diagnosed with, or affected by, pemphigus or pemphigoid.

We achieve this through active patient support, education and advocacy into research addressing mechanisms, treatment, and cure. Our partnership between patients, families, the world's leading doctors, and diverse segments of the biomedical and healthcare community creates hope, and with hope everything is possible.

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