



Research...Access to Treatments...Cure

**Do you or does someone you care about have
psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis?
If so, then read on!**

Psoriasis is an incurable, recurring, non-contagious disease of the immune system that can first strike at any age, causing painful skin lesions, and often, arthritic symptoms. A 1999 study found that psoriasis causes reductions in physical and mental functioning comparable to that seen in diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, depression and other diseases.

While for many psoriasis patients, the disease will remain mild throughout life, for millions of others it is a daily impediment, and can be debilitating.

Psoriasis has, for years, been woefully under-funded by our federal government. **While medical research funding for other diseases at the National Institutes of Health has soared 99% over the last decade after inflation; psoriasis-related research at NIH is down 8% after inflation.** Research on psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis receives about one dollar per patient annually, despite the untold suffering it causes and its cost to the U.S. economy of billions of dollars annually.

Psoriasis Cure Now, a nonprofit patient advocacy group, is working to change that, but we need your help.

Please visit our website at <http://www.pсорcurenow.org>, where we have made it easy for you to send an urgent message to your Lawmakers urging increased funding for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis research. The whole process takes just two minutes, but could cut years off the race for a cure.

Our web site also has other resources to help you make a difference for the 6.5 million Americans with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis, and their families.

Thank you for your support, and our thanks to your physician for making this information available to you!