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Join Us in Los Angeles!

SAVE THE DATE

The NAF is excited to announce the upcoming 12th Annual "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day"!

The NAF will be hosting the annual event once again at the **Intercontinental Los Angeles / Century City on Friday, June 22, 2018.**

January 2018

Dear Dominick,

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF). With your generosity, the NAF continues to grow both nationally and internationally and is striving to bring help to neuropathy patients with obtaining the necessary resources, information and tools to access individualized treatment to improve quality of life.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the "Patient Voice" and that you will join us on June 22nd in Los Angeles at the 12th Annual "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day".

Financial Assistance Programs for IVIG and Other Medications

When it comes to treating the over 100 different types of

Registration and Agenda is forthcoming.



Travelling with a Medical Condition

The Essential Guide to Travelling with a Medical Condition

Most people love to travel and rightly so. The world has so much to explore and enjoy, so why should you be restricted to the UK alone when planning your next holiday? What's more, if you have a medical condition, you shouldn't be worried about travelling abroad - as long as you take the right precautions. Instead, it can be pretty easy to journey around the world and see the amazing sights on offer. This is regardless of whether you're elderly, disabled, or even have a medical condition.

This resource will address some of the common problems associated with travelling abroad, providing expert advice and tips throughout.

We'll give specific information on:

- * Travelling with medication.
- * Travelling with a disability that affects movement.
- * Travelling with a medical condition that needs to be monitored.

You're welcome to use this guide as you see best, with the opportunity to pick out the most appropriate sections or read the full resource. Just make sure you know the facts before travelling overseas with a medical condition.

neuropathy, out-of-pocket costs can put medications out of reach for some patients. Worse, pharmacy benefit companies increasingly are restricting the list of drugs they will cover, leaving patients to pay the full cost of the medication they need. Consider, too, that neuropathy is a chronic disease, often requiring ongoing treatment. It's no wonder why the NAF receives so many calls from patients worried about access to their medications.

There is help. Most drug companies have various Prescription Assistance Programs. Additionally there are non-profit organizations that offer various types of assistance ranging from free medications to help with deductibles, coinsurance, loss of insurance, transportation and preservation of finances.

The NAF created a document that lists various assistance programs that we help will allow you to continue or obtain your needed treatments and medications.

[Click here to read the document.](#)

Your Legislators Are On Social Media. Are You?

It's 2018 and social media is here to stay. The number of individuals using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube is growing at an astounding rate. Facebook has active monthly users, and Twitter sees approximately 500 million Tweets per day.

Given the numbers, social media mobilization has become an integral part of any successful advocacy effort. It's an effective way to engage and coalesce the neuropathy community and opinion leaders from across the U.S. around a single subject. Social media offers opportunities for rapid knowledge exchange, dissemination and response among many people. It can direct communication at a particular user, and it can turn up the volume on a particular topic by sheer numbers of engagement.

Tweets, retweets, posts, likes, and shares have added another layer of communication and influence to public policy debates.

At the NAF, we've been working hard to harness the potential of social media with our community during critical debates. We believe our social advocacy - and especially yours - during this year's legislative sessions made a big difference.

Moving forward we see it as a valuable communication and

Getting travel insurance with a medical condition

Whenever travelling abroad, insurance is vital. Otherwise, how would you be protected in the event of an accident or emergency situation? From needing hospital treatment abroad to requiring an emergency evacuation, insurance is in place to cover these costs.

Of course, we would all hope our travels are hassle free. However, planning for the worst is always recommended, so you have something in place for an emergency. Therefore, it doesn't matter whether you have a medical condition or not, travel insurance should always be one of your priorities.

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influencer tool and hope to see more of our community engage. Targeting legislators and opinion leaders with a consistent message from the neuropathy community can make a big difference in the outcome of a vote or position statement.

The NAF team is thankful for our community, that has created a growing presence for neuropathy patients across social media with (to date) 797 followers on Twitter and 312 likes on Facebook.

Even with our social media success last year we know there is still a lot for all of us to learn so here's a quick 101. If you don't have a Twitter or a Facebook account we encourage you to get one, and if you need help - just ask!

The NAF thanks you for your due diligence and engagement with social media. This will be an increasingly important advocacy tool and we appreciate your time and willingness to engage and share pertinent information with your networks.

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