

To anyone with an interest in the latest and greatest in vitiligo research and treatment

What?

The PanAmerican Society of Pigment Cell Research (PASPCR) will be offering a unique meeting opportunity this year. In advance of their 2015 scientific Conference: “*Advances In Vitiligo Research And Care*,” the **PASPCR** in collaboration with the **Vitiligo Working Group** and **Vitiligo Support International** are offering a “**Vitiligo Pre-Meeting**” to bring vitiligo patients, their doctors, and some people who specialize in vitiligo research together in one place.

When and where?

The Vitiligo Pre-Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, CA, on Sunday September 27, 2015, with an optional dinner/social the evening before, on Saturday September 26.

Conference day will begin with a breakfast at 8 a.m., and will conclude at around 2:00 that afternoon.

Who are the Speakers?

The committee will have quite a few speakers to choose from but will not select the final program until all of the speaker presentations have been submitted. We will update the program as we go along, but everyone signing this invitation letter below will for sure be there.

Can patients get together for dinner?

If you are coming from out of town and are able to arrive by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday (9/26), we encourage you to participate in a vitiligo social dinner at Dave and Busters, which is within walking distance from the hotel.

Note that food and drink expenses for this social event are not covered by the conference registration fees, however we must have an accurate headcount for the restaurant reservation, so those wishing to participate need to indicate their attendance on the conference registration.

How much does the conference cost?

Thanks in part to conference grants offered by the Vitiligo Working Group and UC Irvine Dermatology to offset meeting costs, registration is only \$80.00.

The \$80 fee covers the meeting facility, breakfast, and lunch, as well as presentations and forum discussion by experts in vitiligo research and treatment.

Seating is limited, so we suggest that you plan ahead and sign up as soon as possible

How do I register for the meeting?

You can register and pay online.

You will notice that the website also includes scientific information about skin pigmentation, don't worry, you are in the right place!

First go to the meeting program page on the website <http://paspcr.org/paspcr2015/vitiligo-pre-meeting.php>

From the left menu- select '**Meeting Registration.**'

From the middle of the page, under “**Standard Registration,**” select [registration form>>](#)

Select the first option “**Vitiligo Pre-Meeting**”,

If you would like to reserve a space to attend the Saturday evening social and dinner- then you need to also select **the second option “Vitiligo social self pay.”**

Complete the form (patients may disregard “Institution” and “Department” fields)

At the bottom, select '**send registration.**'

Once your registration is successfully submitted you will receive an email confirmation.

Payment:

Once the payment section has been completed/submitted, your online registration will be complete.

If you are not automatically directed to the Payment page, then:

from the **Meeting Registration** page, under “**Standard Registration,**” select [credit card/paypal>>](#)

Select “**Registration vitiligo pre-meeting**” (US\$ 80)

Once you have completed the payment process your seat will be reserved!

Each attendee must sign and date a Conference Liability Waiver and Photo release upon arrival.

How do I arrange my travel and overnight stay?

To reserve a hotel room at the discounted meeting rate, **from the menu on the left**, select **Accommodation.**

This page also includes information regarding **special conference rates** for airport shuttles.

If you are flying in, you can choose from multiple airports

- John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA)
- Long Beach Airport (LGB)
- Ontario International (ONT)
- Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

Long Beach and John Wayne airports are the two closest to the Hotel (around 14 miles)

Long Beach is to the west; John Wayne is to the south.

ONT is a couple of miles closer than LAX, (30 miles, and 33 miles) but LAX has many more airlines and flights, as well as more airport transfer options

If you are coming by car, hotel parking will be \$7.

Is there anything fun to do in Orange, CA if I have some extra time?

Disneyland is just 2 miles away, and Doubletree offers *Free Shuttle* service to the park. You can also order and print online Disneyland tickets from the Doubletree website [Doubletree - Disney Tickets=](#)

You can go **shopping at the Outlets at Orange** with more than 100 restaurants and shops, just next to the hotel. Otherwise, take a car or public transportation to enjoy the coastline with beautiful beaches (remember to take sunscreen), or to Universal Studios (within 40 miles).

From this Doubletree page, if you scroll down you will learn more about other family friendly activities in the area - <http://www.doubletreeanaheimhotel.com/anaheim-area-information>

How can I share information about this meeting with others?

A vitiligo conference flyer is attached. Feel free to share it to help us reach anyone who may be interested in attending. Doctors who would like to get educational credit for attending our vitiligo meeting can sign up for 4 hours of CME credit at the meeting.

The meeting is now open for registration and abstract submission. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions?

For questions that are not answered on the website, contact the vitiligo pre-meeting organizing team:

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Dr. Pearl Grimes of the Vitiligo & Pigmentation Institute of Southern California on Los Angeles, CA at pegrimesmd@aol.com as a local vitiligo pre-meeting host and

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We look forward to meeting with you in September!