

WHAT MEMBERS SAY ABOUT THE PAN SUPPORT NETWORK

“As a patient I’m so thankful to have found this organization. It provides me with the information and support that I need to deal with this illness.”

Kay, PAN Patient

“I’ve learned much about PAN since I’ve joined this organization. Through our Internet chats and correspondence it has been invaluable in my scientific work.”

*Dr. Eric Hoy
Immunologist / Researcher*

“I am both a physician and vasculitis patient. The PAN Support Network has helped me cope with this disease and to educate me about how patients live with the illness”

*Dr. Karen
Internist / Vasculitis Patient*



Information

For more information, or to join the network, go to

www.pansupportnetwork.org

To join the Mailing List, go to <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PolyarteritisNodosa>.

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A world-wide
community of patients,
caregivers, doctors, and
medical researchers.

What is Polyarteritis Nodosa?

Polyarteritis nodosa (PAN) is a auto-immune vasculitis disease, which affects the small and medium-sized arteries. PAN commonly affects the skin, heart, kidneys and central nervous system.

Cause: There is no known cause of PAN.

Symptoms include fever, fatigue, weakness, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Muscle and joint aches are common. The skin may show rashes, swelling, ulcers, and lumps.

Treatment will vary based on patient symptoms, disease activity, organ involvement and lab test results.

Typically patients are treated with corticosteroids and immune-suppressant drugs

Making a Difference in the Lives of PAN Patients and Families

Established in 1999, the PAN Support Network (PSN) is a not-for-profit organization that provides information and support to patients, their families, caregivers, and medical specialists. The PSN currently serves more than 700 members worldwide.

Membership in the network is free.

Benefits of Membership

Members of the PAN network have created a powerful, caring community. They forge friendships and make valuable connections with medical professionals. Through the network, members are able to enjoy these benefits:

- **Discover** new diagnostic strategies and treatment therapies
- **Share** stories with fellow patients and caregivers
- **Locate** doctors and specialists
- **Participate** in live, Internet chats with medical professionals
- **Enroll** in research and clinical studies
- **Support** and be supported by a caring community
- **Learn** how patients are leading full lives with PAN

How the PAN Network helps the patient and medical community:

- ***The PAN Network Mailing List***
More than 700 members worldwide communicate daily via the mailing list. Questions are asked. Questions are answered. Insights are provided. Support is offered. Valuable connections are made between patients and specialists.
- ***The PAN Network Web Site***
One of the largest and most comprehensive websites on PAN . Find doctors and hospitals specializing in the treatment of PAN. Gain an in-depth understanding of the disease so you can make good decisions concerning your care.
- ***Internet Chats with Medical Specialists***
Chat directly with noted rheumatologists and medical researchers in the monthly Internet chat sessions. Guests can discuss specific issues with qualified doctors, or learn about the latest news about autoimmunity and vasculitis.