

STEP THERAPY

Date: August 12, 2015

Time: Noon – 1 p.m. Central Time



Join the Illinois Step Therapy Coalition For a Virtual Town Hall Meeting To Hear a Variety of Perspectives On Step Therapy

Health insurers are requiring patients to fail on one or more medications before they can access the therapy recommended by their physician. This is known as **step therapy** and it's a growing trend.

WHAT IS
STEP THERAPY/
FAIL FIRST?

WHY SHOULD
I CARE?

HOW CAN I MAKE MY VOICE HEARD TO
ENSURE PATIENTS ARE PROTECTED?

HOW ARE STEP THERAPY/"FAIL FIRST"
POLICIES IMPACTING PATIENT ACCESS TO
NEEDED MEDICATIONS?

WHAT EFFORTS ARE
UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE
ACCESS TO PHYSICIAN
RECOMMENDED THERAPIES?

Confirmed Virtual Town Hall Panelists:

- **Illinois State Representative Laura Fine** (Glenview, 17th district)
- **Michele Guadalupe**, Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy for the Arthritis Foundation
- **Dr. Mark Heyrman**, Clinical Law Professor at the University of Chicago and Mental Health Summit Facilitator
- **Jang Mi Johnson**, Senior Physician Assistant at Illinois Dermatology Institute
- **Dr. Dareen "Dar" Siri, M.D.**, Pediatric and Adult Asthma Allergy and Immunology
- **Dr. Stephen Stone, M.D.**, Dermatologist and Director of Clinical Research in Dermatology at Southern IL University

To join the town hall, click <https://plus.google.com/u/0/events/cm6e9ss0ajlnqoo7t6itbti1278>

No need to pre-register.

To learn more about step therapy, visit <http://www.prescriptionprocess.com/steptherapy>.

#ILStepTherapyCoalition #StepTherapy

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Representative Laura Fine is serving her second full term as the State Representative of the 17th District, which includes all or portions of Evanston, Glenview, Golf, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Skokie and Wilmette. She serves on 6 committees in the Illinois House: Youth and Young adults (Chairwoman), Higher Education, Higher Education Appropriations, Insurance, Human Services and Environment.

Prior to being elected to the state legislature, Representative Fine was an instructor in the Political Science Department at Northeastern Illinois University and served as the Clerk of Northfield Township. Representative Fine has also worked in radio and television news for various media outlets throughout the Midwest.

Representative Fine holds a B.A. in telecommunications from Indiana University, an M.A. in political science from Northeastern Illinois University, and is a graduate of the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership. Representative Fine lives in Glenview with her husband, Michael and their two teenage sons, Jeremy and Jacob.



Michele Guadalupe is the Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy for the Arthritis Foundation, Heartland Region. She has been with the Arthritis Foundation since November 2005, and in her role she oversees grassroots advocacy and state public policy initiatives throughout a six state region. The Arthritis Foundation is the Champion of Yes - Leading the fight for the arthritis community, the Arthritis Foundation helps conquer everyday battles through life-changing information and resources, access to optimal care, advancements in science and community connections.



Mark J. Heyrman is a Clinical Professor at the University of Chicago Law School. He teaches courses in Trial Practice, Mental Health Advocacy and Mental Health Law. His principle responsibility is to teach law students to be effective advocates through their supervised litigation on behalf of indigent clients with mental illnesses and legislative advocacy on behalf of mental health organizations. Mr. Heyrman is a member and former chair of the Public Policy Committee of Mental Health America. He is a Board member and past president of the Mental Health America of Illinois and chairs its public policy committee. He helped found and is the facilitator of the Mental Health Summit, a coalition of mental health service providers and advocates for persons with mental illness. He is a member of the Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council and past co-chairperson and also a member and former chair of the Section on Mental Health Law of the IL State Bar Association. In 1988 he served as Executive Director of the Governor's Commission to Revise the Mental Health Code of Illinois.



B. Jang Mi Johnson, PA-C is the Senior Physician Assistant at Illinois Dermatology Institute. She is currently the Immediate Past President of the Illinois Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants and serves as the Delegate to the House of Delegates of the AAPA on behalf of the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants. Her publications include articles on psoriasis for Clinical Advisor. She has been an advocate for patient rights since she began her studies at Cook County Hospital/Malcolm X College Physician Assistant Program in 2000.



Dr. Daren D. Siri, M.D. is a highly-trained double Board-certified allergy, asthma, immunology, and internal medicine specialist in central Illinois. She is CEO/Owner of Midwest Allergy Sinus Asthma, SC, a medical private practice, and Sneezee Wheeze and Itch Associates, LLC, Clinical Research Center, a full-time clinical trial research company.

She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, a Fellow of the American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, and a Fellow and Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer, of the the IL Society of Allergy Asthma and Immunology. She has served as President of the Sangamon County Medical Society, President of the Prairie State Allergy Society, and built the allergy division when she was Department Chair for 9 years at the Springfield Clinic before acquiring a private practice in 2013.

The medical practice she owns and operates provides advanced, compassion, academic, and evidence-based medical treatment for both common and esoteric diseases to patients in the greater Central Illinois area, including Bloomington-Normal, Springfield, Carlinville, and Staunton. She also serves as the medical director for the clinical research center, which provides opportunities to patients and the public for cutting-edge treatments through clinical trials, based in Bloomington-Normal and Springfield, Illinois.



Dr. Stephen Stone, M.D. is a Dermatologist, who served as a general medical officer in the United States Navy, stationed in the Philippines during the Viet Nam War. It was there that he decided first to leave the Navy on a temporary basis to take a dermatology residency, with the expectation that he would return to the Navy and make it a career.

After his residency program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, the Navy was not ready to provide him with his expected assignment, so he remained in the Reserves, while practicing dermatology in civilian life. He settled in Springfield and in partnership with Dr. Robert Goodwin, a long time member of the Chicago Dermatological Society, while simultaneously teaching part-time at the then new Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

During the 1980's he and Goodwin expanded their practice in Springfield to include Dr. Jonathan Goldfarb, and after Goodwin's retirement, they were joined by Dr. Lucinda Buescher. Both Drs. Buescher and Goldfarb left the practice in 1992 to SIU to begin an academic Dermatology division with a residency program. Stone continued for another eight years in solo private practice before folding his practice into the faculty practice at SIU, where he is now a full-time faculty member.

Outside of medicine, his volunteer life includes being involved in the Jewish community of Springfield. He and his wife, Lisa, have twice chaired the Springfield Jewish Federation Annual campaigns, and each served three year terms as President of the Springfield Jewish Federation.