



**C.A.R.F.**

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**Patients suffering from rare, difficult group of hair diseases gather with renowned physicians and researchers**

*Scientific breakthroughs, patient support and coping strategies highlight a busy weekend in Nation's Capitol on September 26-28.*

(Washington, DC—August 18, 2008)—The Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation (CARF) announces its third patient conference designed for individuals suffering from a rare and difficult group of hair diseases, featuring world-renowned medical experts.

Maryland dermatologist and hair loss expert, **Valerie Callender, MD**, Medical Director of the Callender Laser and Skin Center will host the busy weekend of patient education and support for individuals challenged by the group of hair diseases known as the Cicatricial Alopecias.

Expert speakers, all members of the Board of Scientific Advisors to CARF include:

- ❖ **Vera Price, MD, FRCPC and CARF Founder, University of California, San Francisco**
- ❖ **Valerie Callender, MD, Howard University**
- ❖ **Amy McMichael, MD, Wake Forest University**
- ❖ **Leonard Sperling, MD, COL, MC, USA, Uniformed Services University**

- ❖ **Pratima Karnik, PhD, Case Western Reserve University**
- ❖ **Ken Washenik, MD, PhD, New York University and Chief Medical Officer of Bosley**

These leading authorities in the specialty will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of the Cicatricial Alopecias. Patients will have the opportunity to ask questions, learn about scientific breakthroughs and cosmetic solutions, and participate in small group discussions.

**Wendell Primas, PhD**, Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** on Budget and Health issues will also address the group, providing insights on timely issues.

Dr. Callender states, “The patient conference provides an ideal and meaningful opportunity to give and receive support from fellow patients and physicians. We are honored to present a group of dedicated experts in the field to help people who struggle with this difficult group of hair diseases, and help them realize that they are not alone...and there can be hope.”

The conference takes place on September 26-28, at the Hyatt Crystal City, Arlington, VA. For more information, call: 310-475-2419. Visit: [www.carfintl.org](http://www.carfintl.org)

## About CARF

The Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation (C.A.R.F.) was formed in 2005 as a result of one person's experience with scarring alopecia (cicatricial means scarring). When the patient realized that little is known about such disorders, she decided, with the help of her doctor, to initiate a grass roots effort to raise funds for research to find effective treatments and a cure, to support education and advocacy, and to raise public awareness of these rare diseases.

The Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation is a 501(c)3, tax exempt, non-for-profit organization. C.A.R.F. funds are available to support research that will enhance our knowledge about this difficult group of diseases. To learn more about CARF research opportunities and activities, please visit [www.carfintl.org](http://www.carfintl.org).