Patients, family members, and professionals interested in learning more about KC.

NKCF has a new tool to raise keratoconus awareness!

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Researchers in Poland compared patients with keratoconus to controls in a study aimed at learning more about the safety profile.

Global keratoconus awareness is needed since keratoconus is now considered one of the leading causes of vision loss in the world. Do you know someone affected by KC?

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Dr. John Gelles OD

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You can watch the recent recording of Dr. Hatch's recent webinar on "Keratoconus in Children." It provides a deeper dive into the role of the podbean platform.

For individuals not used to listening to podcasts, recordings can be found on several online platforms by searching "keratoconus." That is the home page for the podcast and will provide links for you to listen.

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Evening Webinars and Train the Trainer Workshops are offered to doctors with expertise in managing the disease. You can find back copies of our newsletter, and information about World KC Day. If you If you are interested in receiving a copy of our Keratoconus Patient Guide, you can request one through our website.

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Dr. Peter Hersh MD, Dr. Steven Greenstein MD, and Dr. Chantelle Mundy OD will present on the following topics:

- The combination of contact lenses and soft interventional Keratorefractive surgery
- Other treatment options for KC patients
- Managing KC in children
- The role of hybrid lenses in the treatment of KC
- Questions about KC
- The role of keratoconus in Down syndrome
- The role of obstructive sleep apnea in keratoconus
- Initials and non-invasive intervention
- The role of allergy in keratoconus
- An update on KC research
- The significance of having a close relative with KC on likelihood of disease
- An overview of the Keratoconus Referral List
- Contact lens fitting techniques

To attend the live broadcast, you must register in advance. To listen to recordings of presentations by Dr. Sclafani or Dr. Mundy, visit the NKCF website.

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