

cause of scleroderma is not yet fully understood, scientists and doctors are on the way to unlocking the keys to this disease, and are already succeeding in developing new treatments to improve the lives of people living with scleroderma.

**Please note that the above information is not legal advice, for which we would advise you to consult a solicitor.**



The Scleroderma Society supports people with scleroderma and their families by providing:

- educational literature
- a telephone helpline
- a comprehensive website & forum
- a newsletter with research information
- member contact
- informal group meetings
- an annual conference

We also work to promote awareness of scleroderma among the medical profession and general public in order to improve early diagnosis and prognosis. We fund medical & scientific research in the UK and are a founder member of FESCA (Federation of European Scleroderma Associations), working to forward the cause of people with scleroderma throughout Europe.

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## Leaving a Legacy to the Scleroderma Society

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*"I have come to know very well how much patients appreciate the support provided by the Society, as well as the growing support that the Society provides for basic and clinical research on this challenging disease. It is often difficult to raise funds for rare diseases, and by remembering the Society in your Will you can make a very valuable contribution to its work, to benefit future patients."*

**Professor Dame CM Black DBE, FRCP, FMedSci**  
**President of the Scleroderma Society**

### Why Leave a Legacy?

The Scleroderma Society provides much appreciated support and advice for people living with this little-known disease. Above all, it has been funding essential scientific and medical research into understanding the cause of scleroderma and the development of new treatments for over 25 years; our hope and aim is to find a cure for scleroderma in the future.

A remarkable way to help us achieve this mission would be to remember the Scleroderma Society in your Will. You can do this by leaving a legacy; a legacy is a gift to a charity in your Will. Legacies are exempt from inheritance tax and probably the most tax-effective gift you can make to charity. It is a powerful and effective way to support the work of the Scleroderma Society in funding medical research and supporting those affected by scleroderma both now and in the future.

### If You Already Have a Will

If you already have a Will in place but would like to make a legacy gift to The Scleroderma Society, you can make an addition to your Will. This is called a Codicil and should be simple and inexpensive to arrange. Once you've chosen the type of gift you'd like to bequeath (see some examples below), you should contact your solicitor and arrange for the Codicil to your Will.

### If You Don't Yet Have a Will

To make a Will and include a legacy to The Scleroderma Society, you should seek professional advice from a solicitor. If you don't have a solicitor,

ask someone you trust to recommend one, or check a telephone or online directory.

There are many different types of legacies; the following bequests are commonly chosen by people leaving a legacy to a charity:

### Residual Bequest

This is all, or a percentage, of your estate once all other commitments, such as bequests to your family, have been met. This type of legacy is the most valuable to us as it is protected against depreciation through inflation.

### Pecuniary Bequest

This is a fixed sum of money in your Will. The value of pecuniary legacies will decrease over time; for example a sum of £100 pledged in 2008 would be less valuable when received after 20 years, due to inflation.

### Specific Bequest

This is a specific item left as a gift in your Will; for example a piece of jewellery or a painting.

### Donations in Lieu of Flowers

This gift can also be included in your Will which requests that family and friends make donations to the Scleroderma Society instead of sending flowers at your funeral.

If you decide to leave a legacy to the Scleroderma Society in your Will, you will need to include our address and registered charity number (see over).

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to consider leaving us a legacy in your Will. Although the