A Conversation with Dr. Raed Alhusayen

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Why did you get involved with CSPA?

As a dermatologist specializing in hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), I initially volunteered with the CSPA to contribute to improving the lives of patients affected by this debilitating condition. Through my initial collaboration with the CSPA on the *Scarred for Life 2020 Update* (a

national report of patients' experiences living with HS), I gained invaluable insight into the lived experiences of individuals with HS and was able to provide meaningful recommendations to enhance their care and support.

Why do you like volunteering with CSPA?

Volunteering with the CSPA allows me to give back to the community and provide support to individuals who are affected by skin conditions. Through my work with the CSPA, I am able to share my expertise and knowledge with patients and their families, helping them to better understand and manage their skin conditions. It is truly rewarding to see the positive impact that my contributions can have on the lives of others, and I am honored to be a part of such a dedicated and passionate team.

Why would you recommend joining the CSPA?

I would encourage others to get involved with the CSPA because it provides a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of individuals who are affected by skin conditions. By volunteering with this organization, you can help raise awareness of skin health issues, provide support to patients and their families, and advocate for better care and treatment options. Additionally, volunteering with the CSPA can be personally rewarding, as it allows individuals to connect with others who share a similar passion for helping those in need. Overall, I believe that getting involved with the CSPA is a great way to make a positive impact on the world and to contribute to a cause that truly matters.