

C A S A Fired up

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCARRING ALOPECIAS

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2014

GENERAL MEETING ITEMS:

- Dr. Jeff Donovan was our guest at this support meeting. The following are some basic points from the beginning of his Q&A discussion.
- In general, in the early stages of scarring alopecia, it is the oil gland that is the first thing the immune system goes after (it is beside the follicle). Research is going on now to figure out why.
- In some cases of scarring alopecia, Psoriasis drugs are helpful and clinics are reporting that single patients are getting better.
- Some European labs are showing that blood thinners help LPP in one study.
- One of the biggest positive news stories from last year was the use of [finasteride](#) and dutasteride in FFA patients.
- There has been a lot of collaboration between the various dermatology centres to stabilize conditions. There are more and more studies happening and there will be in the near future.
- Although Dr. Donovan is not taking new patients, new patients (including international patients) can be referred to Woman's College Hospital.
- Please let Shirley know if you would like to give your contact info to any of the other members and she will facilitate the connection.
- For future guest ideas, we could have Erynn's brother; he is a Naturopath with an interest in Scarring Alopecia. We will also invite Dr. Jeff Donovan back.
- All of Dr. Donovan's replies to our prepared questions are found in the accompanying document [CASAQuestionsDrDonovanJan20WithResponses.docx](#)

PREVIOUS MEETING ITEMS:

- Chair and Co-Chair positions within CASA are still open. Any interested people should contact Shirley.
- Is there a need to incorporate CASA or become a registered charity?

NEXT STEPS

Next Meetings:

Monday April 28, 2014 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday June 16, 2014 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

2200 Yonge Street, Canadian Tire Conference Centre