



SAVE THE DATE

***The Greater Boston Sjögren's Syndrome Support Group
Invites You to Join Us at Our Meeting***

**Saturday, April 21, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Tufts Medical Center
Sackler Building, Room 114
145 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts**

Featuring Our Very Special Guest:

Dr. Denise Faustman

**“Better Fast Diagnosis of Sjögren’s –
Can It Be Done?”**

Dr. Faustman is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Immunobiology Laboratories at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Faustman's research accomplishments include the first scientific description of modifying the antigens on donor tissues to change their foreignness, a scientific accomplishment that is now in human clinical trials. In 2003, she received one of the prestigious National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine “Changing the Face of Medicine Awards”, one of 35 in research so honored. Currently, Dr. Faustman is working on strategies aimed at halting the established autoimmune disease process in Type 1 diabetes and in Sjögren's

Her talk will focus on what is involved in the diagnosis of Sjögren's and how difficult it is to make this diagnosis quickly and accurately. Most of the scientific literature suggests it takes over 6 years for patients with Sjögren's to receive a diagnosis and for many, the diagnosis will change over time. Research protocols and effective treatments rely on precise identification; something that has eluded those studying Sjögren's to date.

Kindly RSVP: Lynn.Epstein@Tufts.edu

Please mark your calendars to come to our April 21st meeting, and once again bring friends and family with you, as well as your stories and suggestions for the Greater Boston Support Group.

For those taking the MBTA: The "Tufts Medical Center" Orange Line stop is located across from the main hospital entrance on Washington Street.

For those who prefer to drive: Parking is available in the Medical Center's garage at: 274 Tremont Street, next to the Wang Center and parking tickets will be validated at the meeting for reduced parking rates.

I look forward to seeing you in April. In the meantime, you can reach me through Dr. Athena Papas' office number **(617)-636- 3932**.

Kindest regards,

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