

Myositis UK Community Forum User Tips

Community Forum Sign-up

You need to sign-up and create a profile before you can use the Community Forums.

When you first go into the Community Forum Home page, in the top right hand corner you will see the words "Sign-up". Click on this and a pop-up box will appear asking you to provide details to set up your sign-in details. Complete the details and the Captcha security device, and then click on the grey box that says "Sign-in".

Another pop-up box will appear into which you can put details that will show on your profile. Insert your full name, or the name you wish to be known by. Apart from your name, no other details are compulsory. To attach a photo to your profile, click on the word "Browse" and search for the picture from your files on your computer. Once you have completed the details, click on the grey box with the word "Join".

Making Changes to your Profile

On the option bar at the top of the page, click on "My Profile". In the right-hand corner of your profile page is a grey box with a pencil in it. Click on this and you can then amend your profile details, and amend the email settings for sending you notifications.

You can also amend the privacy settings of your profile to limit who can see what about you.

Sign-In

If you have a profile, when you go into the Community Forums, click on the words "Sign-in" on the top right hand corner of the page. Use the email address and password you gave when setting up your profile and then click on the grey box with the word "Sign-in".

If you do not sign-out then you will be permanently signed-in. Once you have signed-in in the top right hand corner your profile name will appear, next to the words "Sign-out". Click on this if you wish to sign-out.

Message Boards

On the option bar at the top of the page, click on "Message Boards".

There are six message boards:

1. News and Announcements – Which is for Myositis UK to post news and announcements in connection with the Charity. Users cannot post on this forum.
2. General Board – For all users to be able to post regarding topics of general interest
3. Juvenile Dermatomyositis – For users to post on topics relevant to this condition
4. Dermatomyositis – For users to post on topics relevant to this condition
5. Inclusion Body Myositis – For users to post on topics relevant to this condition
6. Polymyositis – For users to post on topics relevant to this condition.

Starting a New Topic on the Message Boards

Place your cursor over the words "Message Boards" and a drop-down menu will appear. Then click on the title for the board you wish to post a message to.

In the top right hand corner of the message boards is a grey box with a cross in. By clicking on this you can start a post on a new topic. You can add pictures, links to webpages and videos by using the icons at the top of the page. Once you have completed your post click on the grey box with the word "Post" and this will then appear on the Message Board.

You can edit your post by clicking on the title to open it up, and then clicking on the grey box with the pencil in. make your changes and then click on "Post".

Reviewing and Replying to a Message

To read the posts on any board, simply place your cursor over the words "Message Boards" and a drop-down menu will appear. Then click on the title for the board you wish to review. This will then bring up the posts within that board, and to read the posts, simply click on the title, and you will be able to see the original message and all the replies.

To reply to a message, simply type your reply in the white box, with the word "Reply" in, and when completed click on the grey box with the word "Reply" in. Your reply will then appear below the original message, and you have options to "Edit" and "Delete" your reply if you wish.

You can "Like" any post by clicking on the button at the top left of the post with the blue-heart in.

Other Members

On the option bar at the top of the page, click on "Members".

This will take you into a gallery of all members of the Community Boards. By clicking on any picture you can see more of the details of the person, and have the option to become the person's friend by clicking on the box below the profile picture "Add as Friend".

If you are sent a "Friends Request" you have the option to accept or decline the request.