

Lupus can be difficult to treat

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease, which means that it's a condition in which your body's immune system attacks its own cells. Lupus tends to flare and then fade, and common symptoms include extreme fatigue, joint and muscle pain, skin rashes, fever, headaches, and others.

Doctors don't know exactly what causes lupus, but have a variety of medications available to treat it. Still, lupus can be difficult to treat because of how the symptoms come and go, and because these medications may not work well for everyone.



This study is enrolling now. Contact us to learn more.

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Living with Lupus? You aren't *alone*.



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Right now, a clinical research study is looking for volunteers to test an investigational medication for lupus. This investigational medication is an injection received under the skin and in addition to your standard-of-care therapies for lupus. "Investigational" means that it isn't currently approved for use.

If you qualify for and participate in this study, you may have the opportunity to try the investigational medication and receive study-related care at no cost for you.

Did you know?

It's estimated that **5 million** people worldwide have some form of lupus.¹

¹Lupus Foundation of America

Clinical research is important and confidential

A clinical research study is a research project done with human volunteers to learn more about new drugs and treatments. Some volunteers are interested in access to investigational drugs or treatments. Others volunteer to help advance science. Whatever your reason for participating, we'll monitor your health and protect your privacy.

Important information about this study

- Be at least 18 but younger than 65 years old
- Have moderate-to-severe active lupus

Doctors will also check other requirements to confirm that you qualify for this study.



Remember to ask questions!

Your study doctor will explain the benefits and risks of being in this research study. Please use this opportunity to ask questions. You may also take this brochure with you and talk to your family doctor to help you decide if this clinical study is right for you.

How can we get started?

Step 1: Contact our study coordinator

To learn more, contact our study coordinator listed on the back of this brochure. The study coordinator will give you information about the study and help determine if you might qualify.

Step 2: Find out if you're eligible

The study staff will ask some health questions and make sure that you meet the requirements for the study.

Step 3: Give informed consent

A study doctor will explain the study procedures and its possible benefits and risks. The study doctor will also answer any questions you might have. To join our study, you must read and sign an informed consent document to show that you understand the study and what is expected (required) from you.

Step 4: Participate

If you are eligible, you will enter the study. You will attend 27 visits at the doctor's office over up to 62 weeks. You will receive study medication every 2 weeks. The staff will work with you to find convenient times for these visits.