

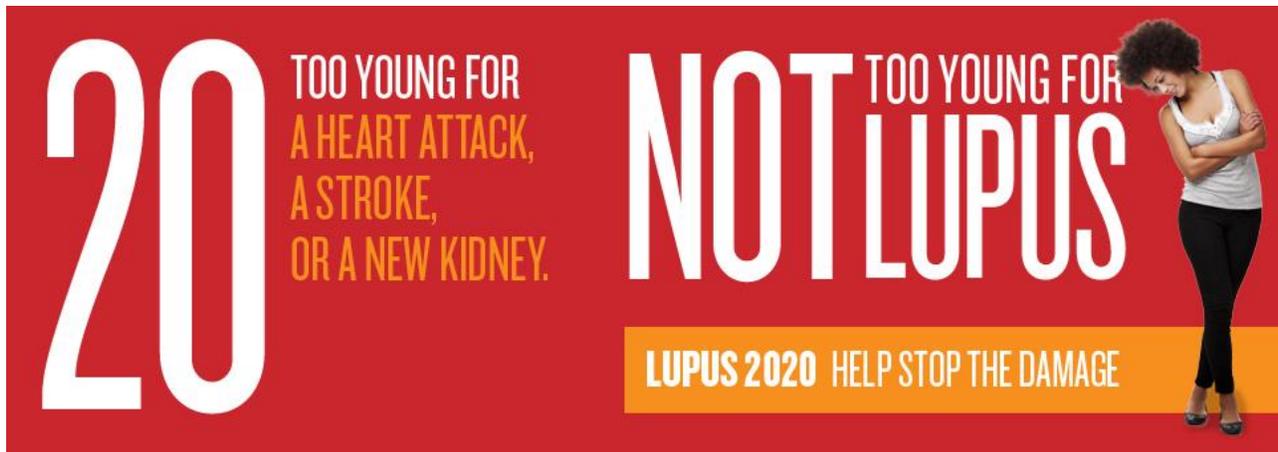
May 1, 2015

Lupus Awareness Month: Let's Get Lupus into Focus!

It's May – time for lupus communities across the country to draw attention to the still under-recognized disease that hits young women hardest. The [Lupus Research Institute](#) (LRI), the [S.L.E. Lupus Foundation](#) and our [National Patient Coalition](#) members urge Americans to learn about lupus and how it impacts lives – particularly women in their 20s when the disease is most commonly diagnosed. Through a wide range of public events this May, we spotlight lupus and the very hopeful progress we're making in current research.

In New York, where the S.L.E. Lupus Foundation started the fight against lupus 45 years ago, a host of activities puts lupus front and center from May 1-31 and beyond!

A Window on Lupus



The LRI's awareness activities showcase a fabulous display in Manhattan's high-traffic Rockefeller Plaza. The design emphasizes the devastating effects of lupus on women in their 20s as well as the LRI's research vision - to help stop disease progression and organ damage by 2020. Please stop by, take pictures and post on social media! Use **#Lupus2020**, and we'll share your photo with our community.

Lupus Clinical Trials -- The Key to Better Treatment

"We need all hands on deck to deliver safer and more effective treatments," stresses our CEO and

President Margaret Dowd. “Active collaborations among government, the bio-pharma industry, academic medicine, non-profit organizations, and most importantly lupus patients and their families.” Learn more about opportunities to help advance clinical trials:



- Find Your Match! Visit the LRI’s LupusTrials.org – the only site solely dedicated to lupus clinical research. Use our search tool to quickly find clinical trials in your area and talk about them with your healthcare provider.



- Stop by our exhibit at the free [AWARE for All](#) program **May 5, 4:00 – 8:00 PM** at George Washington University in Washington, DC organized by the Center for Information & Study on Clinical Research Participation. And mark your fall calendars for AWARE for All programs in NY, Chicago and Irvine, CA.



- Support lupus research by joining us at the [Alliance for Lupus Research](#) (ALR) New Jersey Walk at Metlife Stadium Saturday, May 9. Contact Sheri Kirkpatrick at skirkpatrick@alr.org for information.

Visualizing How Lupus Affects Lives

Our acclaimed patient photo exhibit, *Lupus through the Lens* goes on tour this month, stopping at two pharmaceutical companies to give employees an inside look at why their work is so important for the people living with the disease. Post photos visualizing your experience with lupus using **#lupuslens** and we’ll share on Facebook.

It's Official!

Thank you Mayor Bill de Blasio for declaring May “Lupus Awareness Month” in the City of New York. The Proclamation recognizes the S.L.E. Lupus Foundation as “the voice for New Yorkers with lupus since 1970.”

Lupus agencies across New York will gather in Albany May 13 as Lupus Awareness Month is proclaimed in New York State. We will also urge legislators to pass key bills that support lupus research and eliminate barriers to advances in healthcare.

Knowledge is Power

Sharpen your perspective on lupus throughout the month! Learn as much as you can – that’s your

best weapon.

See us in NYC

Our **Lupus and You: Beyond the Basics** program is offered in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). Held from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, both events include free dinner. [Learn more and register.](#)

May 6, Bronx Lebanon Hospital

Lupus y Sus Riñones, (Lupus and Your Kidneys)

May 7, Lenox Hill Hospital

Taking Control of Lupus in the Brain

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Tune in to Virtual Events from Anywhere!

Register for free one-hour [webinars](#) by lupus experts to learn preventative strategies for living better with the disease.

May 28, 4:00 PM, EST – [When You're Thrown for a Lup-us...Coping with Lupus](#)

May 29, 12:00 PM, EST – [Preventative Care Strategies for Living with Lupus](#)

June 8, 12:00 PM, EST – [Food, Nutrition and Lupus](#)

And learn something new about lupus every day of the month on [Facebook.com/lupusresearch](https://www.facebook.com/lupusresearch).

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About the Lupus Research Institute

The world's leading private supporter of innovative research in lupus, championing scientific risk-taking in the hunt for solutions to this complex and dangerous autoimmune disease.