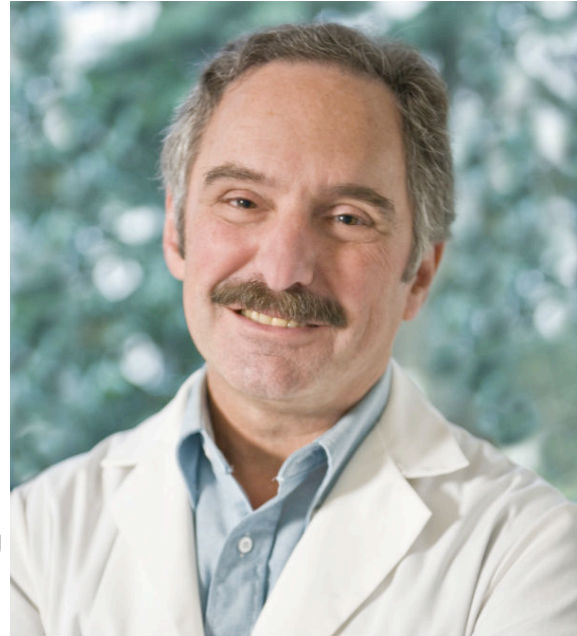


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Dr. Gerald Nepom Appointed Chair of Lupus Research Institute Scientific Advisory Board

[The Lupus Research Institute \(LRI\)](#) today announced Gerald T. Nepom, MD, PhD, as the new Chair of its Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Dr. Nepom fills the position held by the late William E. Paul, MD from the LRI's inception in 2000.

Dr. Nepom is a Member at Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason (BRI), Seattle, Washington and Affiliate Professor, Immunology at the University of Washington. In addition, he is the Director of the Immune Tolerance Network (ITN), sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Nepom was Director of BRI from 1985 to 2015 and is past president of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS), a worldwide professional organization dedicated to fostering interdisciplinary approaches to both understand and treat immune-based diseases.



LRI President and CEO Margaret G. Dowd noted, "We are very pleased and grateful that Dr. Nepom, a leading authority in immunogenetics and translational immunology, will head our scientific advisory team. The global research community will greatly benefit from his deep knowledge of the field and the strong leadership he now brings to the lupus cause."

Dr. Nepom commented on his appointment: "I'm honored to be a part of this effective and bold organization that plays a major role in fostering innovative biomedical research. This is an exciting time in which advances in understanding lupus immunobiology create opportunities for investigators that bring new ideas and approaches, which will transform therapy for this disease."

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The Lupus Research Institute (LRI), the world's leading private supporter of novel research in lupus, pioneers discovery and champions scientific creativity as it has successfully demonstrated the power of innovation to propel scientific solutions in this complex autoimmune disease.

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