



March 18, 2016



(Picture left to right) Dr. Stefania Gallucci, Dr. Stephen Katz, Margaret Dowd, Dr. Robert Carter, Molly McCabe

NIH Action Plan for Lupus Research Presented at Congressional Briefing

Hosted by Alliance for Lupus Research, Lupus Research Institute and Congressional Lupus Caucus

Members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives learned about the new National Institutes of Health (NIH) Action Plan for Lupus Research at a formal briefing session this week co-hosted by the Alliance for Lupus Research, Lupus Research Institute and the Congressional Lupus Caucus.

Developed under the direction of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) on behalf of the NIH, this comprehensive roadmap builds upon decades of NIH research efforts to yield a wealth of new information toward improving understanding of lupus.



Photo Credits:Risdon Photography

[Watch this video](#) of **Stephen I. Katz, MD, PhD**, Director, NIAMS and **Deputy Director Robert Carter, MD** addressing members of Congress at the briefing. Drs. Katz and Carter describe how the Action Plan for Lupus Research lays out a roadmap for improving the health and well-being of individuals with lupus through research and research training while providing a resource for investigators as they develop independent approaches to address scientific opportunities in lupus.

Discussing how the new research plan will help provide better and safer treatments for the lupus community, the renowned group of speakers also included:

- **Stefania Gallucci, MD** – Lupus researcher and Associate Chair of Microbiology and Immunology, Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine
- **Molly McCabe** – Lupus patient and Co-founder, Molly's Fund Fighting Lupus
- **Francis S. Collins, MD** – Director, National Institutes of Health (via video)
- **Representative William Keating (D-MA)** – Co-chair Congressional Lupus Caucus
- **Representative Tom Rooney (R-FL)** – Co-chair Congressional Lupus Caucus (via video)
- **Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)** – Co-chair Congressional Lupus Caucus

About the Lupus Research Institute

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.

Lupus Research Institute

330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1701, New York, NY 10001
T: 212.812.9881 F: 212.545.1843
e-mail: Lupus@LupusNY.org

LupusResearchInstitute.org | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Email Preferences](#)