How Lupus Affects the Body

- **Eyes & Mucous Membranes**
  - Sores in eyes, nose, mouth or vagina,
  - Dry mouth and eyes (Sjögren’s syndrome)

- **Gastrointestinal**
  - Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea,
  - Weight changes

- **Heart, Lungs**
  - Inflammation of heart and lung tissue

- **Kidneys**
  - Swelling (especially the legs and face), High blood pressure,
  - Kidney damage and failure

- **Reproductive System**
  - Pregnancy complications, Miscarriages, Irregular menstrual periods

- **Blood**
  - Anemia, Abnormal blood clotting (too much or too little),
  - Low white blood cell count,
  - Circulating autoantibodies and immune complexes

- **Musculoskeletal**
  - Extreme fatigue, Pain and swelling in the joints and muscles,
  - Weak or brittle bones (osteoporosis)

- **Skin**
  - Butterfly rash, Skin sores, Light-sensitivity, Hair loss,
  - Inflamed blood vessels, Raynaud’s disease

- **Brain, Spinal Cord and Nervous System**
  - Seizures, Psychosis, Headaches,
  - Brain fog or memory problems,
  - Nerve pain, Depression, Fever

Help Us Solve The Cruel Mystery

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Please turn over for more information.
Find Help, Get Answers

**National Resource Center on Lupus**
A collection of up-to-date resources and information on lupus. The Resource Center educates, empowers and connects you to lupus resources, programs and support services. Visit [Lupus.org/Resources](https://Lupus.org/Resources) to learn more.

**Health Education Specialists**
Our certified health education specialists are available to answer questions and provide caring support to people with lupus, their families and caregivers. Visit [Lupus.org/HealthEducator](https://Lupus.org/HealthEducator) to contact a health education specialist today (in English or Spanish).

**Inside Lupus Research**
From clinical trials to new treatment breakthroughs, Inside Lupus Research is your one-stop location for learning about all the latest lupus research news that matters to you. Visit [Lupus.org/InsideLupusResearch](https://Lupus.org/InsideLupusResearch) to subscribe today.

**Participate in Research**
People with lupus and their caregivers can advance lupus research from the convenience of their home by simply sharing their lupus experience using RAY*: Research Accelerated by You. This online registry will help researchers accelerate the development of new treatments and enhance the quality of care for people with lupus. To learn more, visit [Lupus.org/RAY](https://Lupus.org/RAY).

**Local Support & Programs**
We provide opportunities to engage locally and participate in education events and support groups dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by lupus.

Our on-the-ground experts can help you find resources, support groups and get involved in the fight to end lupus. Visit [Lupus.org/Local-Support](https://Lupus.org/Local-Support).

**SELF**
The SELF app (Strategies to Embrace Living with Lupus Fearlessly) is our free self-care program for people with lupus that provides customized support in managing symptoms, stress and medications. Visit [Lupus.org/SELF](https://Lupus.org/SELF) to sign up.

**Lupus & You: Answers. Advocacy. Action.**
Our free educational series offers people with lupus, their families and friends the opportunity to learn about the latest in lupus research and helpful resources for managing the disease. Register at [Lupus.org/Lupus-and-You](https://Lupus.org/Lupus-and-You).

**Take Charge**
This weekly educational email series is designed to introduce people with lupus, including those recently diagnosed, to tips and resources that can help them better manage the disease and its everyday challenges. Sign up at [Lupus.org/TakeCharge](https://Lupus.org/TakeCharge) and find our program en español at [Lupus.org/TomeControl](https://Lupus.org/TomeControl).

**The Expert Series**
Our educational podcast series features empowering episodes from leading lupus experts with a focus on helping you live well with lupus. New episodes are released throughout the year on the National Resource Center on Lupus. Visit [Lupus.org/TheExpertSeries](https://Lupus.org/TheExpertSeries).

**E-newsletter**
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