



JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL LUPUS CAUCUS

Purpose

The Congressional Lupus Caucus provides a forum in which members of Congress and their staff can actively engage in a dialogue to improve the quality of life for people with lupus and their caregivers through supporting the advancement of lupus research and increasing awareness of lupus among the public and health professionals.

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About Lupus

Lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. It is difficult to diagnose, hard to live with, and a challenge to treat.

Lupus is a cruel mystery because it is hidden from view and undefined, has a range of symptoms, hits out of nowhere, and has no known cause and no known cure. Its health effects can range from a skin rash to a heart attack. Lupus is debilitating and destructive and can be fatal, yet research on lupus has not kept pace with research for other diseases of similar scope and devastation.

An estimated 1.5 million Americans and at least five million people worldwide have some form of lupus. Ninety percent of the people with lupus are women; however, men and children develop the disease as well. African American, Hispanic/Latinas, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus - a significant health disparity that remains unexplained. Furthermore, an accurate diagnosis of lupus can take as long as six years. For more information, visit www.lupus.org.

Join the Congressional Lupus Caucus Today

Members interested in joining the Congressional Lupus Caucus may do so by contacting [Tonia Wu](#) with Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson's office at 202-225-8885 or [Natalie Valentine](#) with Representative Bill Keating's office at 202-225-3111.