

June 15-16, 2015

LET'S TAKE LUPUS



WHISPER SHOUT

Help Us Solve
The Cruel Mystery
LUPUSTM
FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

CAPITOL HILL

The Lupus Foundation of America's National Lupus Advocacy Summit provides lupus activists from across the nation the opportunity to meet with their U.S. Senators and Representatives to educate policy makers about lupus and discuss public policies that have an impact on people with lupus.

DAY ONE

Training – The first day is devoted to training. Each participant receives an orientation on basic advocacy principles as well as a thorough review of the Foundation's current legislative priorities. The training also includes panel discussions featuring distinguished lupus clinicians and researchers and notable government officials.

DAY TWO

Meetings with Elected Officials – On the second day, activists go to Capitol Hill to meet with their Members of Congress and staff to discuss our legislative priorities including urging Congress to support funding for lupus research.

WHY ATTEND THE NATIONAL LUPUS ADVOCACY SUMMIT?

Lupus is one of the cruelest, most mysterious diseases on earth, yet research on lupus remains underfunded relative to its scope and devastation. It took more than a century to develop the first approved treatment designed specifically for lupus. Now there are many new lupus treatments in the pipeline and it is more important than ever for our nation's leaders to invest in lupus research.

The Advocacy Summit provides an opportunity for anyone with a connection to lupus (people with lupus, friends, family, caregivers, physicians) to join together and stand united before Congress and urge them to put lupus at the front of the national health care agenda in order to give lupus research much-needed funding and give lupus the recognition that it deserves. Join us in the fight to end lupus and meet new people with passion for the same cause.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

10:30am

Registration opens

11:00am-12:00pm

Advocacy 101 Training

**Optional for attendees who want more background on how Congress works*

11:30am-12:30pm

Lunch

**Optional. No formal program.*

12:30pm-5:30pm

Summit and Priority Issue Orientation

5:30pm

Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

7:00am-8:30am

Continental Breakfast

8:00am-5:00pm

Bus service between Washington Marriott Hotel and Capitol Hill

9:00am-4:30pm

Advocacy Meetings on Capitol Hill

**Bag lunch will be hosted in hospitality room on Capitol Hill*

6pm-10pm

National Advocacy Awards Dinner

**Optional. Ticket required.*

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 17

Save Money!

Last day for early bird registration

MAY 26

Hotel room block and discount rate expires

JUNE 8

Final date for registration

JUNE 9

Summit Preparation Webinar

What to know before coming to Washington, DC