

THE MARY KIRKLAND CENTER FOR LUPUS CARE PHYSICIAN NEWSLETTER



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This quarterly newsletter provides updates on ongoing Lupus and Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS) observational studies and clinical trials as well as various center programs and activities at [The Mary Kirkland Center for Lupus Care](#) at [Hospital for Special Surgery](#).

Center Updates

Lupus Fast Track

The Lupus Center has created a “fast track” system offering new Lupus & APS patients appointments within 3-5 business days. Patients can call the Lupus Center Manager for an appointment. [Learn more](#)

Read about recent articles posted on the web:

[Lupus Research at Hospital for Special Surgery](#)

[Blood Clot Prevention and Antiphospholipid Antibody \(aPL\) Positive Patients](#)

[Joint Pain and Arthritis in Patients with Lupus](#)

Research Updates

Active Lupus Trials and Studies

SERONO (atacept – anti BLYS/APRIL – PII/III): Looking for any patient with active lupus and NOT on Cellcept. Contact: JoAnn Vega, ext. 2795.

Genentech (anti-IFN – PII): Looking for patients with moderately active SLE. Contact Roland Duculan, ext. 2967.

PROMISSE: Looking for pregnant women with SLE (screened up to 11 weeks) and/or APS (screened up to 18 weeks). Contact: Randi Eisner at ext. 1214.

FLARE: This is a longitudinal study of interferon (IFN) pathway as a biomarker of lupus disease activity. Looking for SLE patients with relatively active disease. Contact: Ziad Taimeh, ext. 2039.

Active APS Trials and Studies

For all APS trials contact JoAnn Vega ext. 2795 or Glendalee Ramon ext. 2808

RITAPS (Rituximab – PIIa – open label pilot): Looking for aPL positive patients with non-criteria aPL manifestations

Cognition (one time cognition test & fMRI): Looking for female *non SLE* aPL-positive patients with no history of stroke, ages: 18-65.

STATIN (pilot mechanistic - 3 m fluvastatin & 3 m off): Looking for aPL-positive not on statins

[Learn more](#) about the Lupus and APS studies listed above.

Physician Education

Monthly Conferences

April 23

Multidisciplinary SLE Lecture

Pre-Pregnancy & Contraception Counseling in SLE Patients

Presenter: Dr. Shari Gelber, Attending Physician, Obstetrics/Gynecology, New York Presbyterian Hospital

Location: Caspary Research Building, 3rd floor conference room from 12-1 pm

May 28

Rheumatology/Nephrology Joint Lupus Nephritis Conference

Presenter: Drs. Lisa Vasanth, Attending Rheumatologist, Hospital for Special Surgery and Jim Chevalier, Attending Physician, Nephrology, New York Presbyterian Hospital

Location: Main Hospital, 2nd floor conference room from 12-1 pm

June 25

Multidisciplinary SLE Lecture

Tales of the Ear Canal, and Other Oddities About Lupus

Presenter: Dr. Michael Lockshin, Attending Rheumatologist & Director, Barbara Volcker Center for Women and Rheumatic Disease, Hospital for Special Surgery

Location: Main Hospital, 2nd floor conference room from 12-1 pm

Patient Programs & Services

Lupus Center Welcome Class

If you have any SLE or APS patients who wish to know more about their disease, learn about the Lupus Center services and activities or Lupus & APS Research at HSS, call the Center Manager, Pretima Persad, MPH at ext. 8839 for a free, one on one class.

Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Counseling Program

Free program for HSS patients. *Eligibility:* Patients need to be cared for by an HSS rheumatologist and carry the diagnosis of SLE and/or aPL-positivity. For more information, contact Dr. Virginia Haiduc at ext. 1863 or [learn more online](#).

SLE Registry

An ongoing collection of data and blood samples on SLE and APS patients seen at HSS. *Eligibility:* SLE patients must have 4 of 11 ACR criteria and APS patients must have one laboratory and one clinical criterion. Two tubes of blood are drawn during the initial visit, along with medical history questionnaires. Contact Emily Miller at ext. 2223 or [learn more online](#).

Department of Social Work Programs

Social work support and education programs, such as *LupusLine®*, *Charla de Lupus/Lupus Chat®* and *LANtern® Lupus Asian Network* and the *SLE Workshop* are available through the Department of Social Work Programs. Contact Suzy Kim, LCSW, Social Work Manager, Rheumatology at ext. 2541 for more information or [learn more online](#).

For more detailed information on the Lupus Center, Research or Programs and Services, visit us on the web at www.hss.edu/lupuscenter



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