

# THE MARY KIRKLAND CENTER FOR LUPUS CARE PHYSICIAN NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the very first issue of [The Mary Kirkland Center for Lupus Care Physician Newsletter](#). These quarterly newsletters will provide summary updates on ongoing Lupus and Antiphospholipid (APS) observational and clinical trials as well as various Lupus Center programs and activities.

## Research

### Updates

Benlysta (belimumab): Benlysta, due to its safe and effective profile, has the potential to become the first new approved lupus drug in decades for people living with lupus. [Learn more](#).

### Active Lupus Trials

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

Novo-Nordisk (anti-IFN - PI): Looking for patients with clinically stable to mildly active SLE. Contact Roland Duculan, ext. 2967.

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

*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.

## Education

### Monthly Conferences

January (1/29/10)

Special guests Drs. James Chevalier and Miriam Chung will aid in our discussion of interesting cases of Lupus Nephritis.

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

February (2/26/10)

Dr. James Chevalier will discuss "Lupus Nephritis from a Nephrologist's Perspective".

Location: 2nd floor conference room B, from 12-1 pm.

## Patient Programs and 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](#).

### Social Work Services

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](#).

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