SURVEY FINDS LUPUS PATIENTS SUFFER MORE THAN PHYSICIANS PERCEIVE

Approximately 178,000 Americans have systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), a chronic, autoimmune disease, with symptoms that can range from mild to severe.2 According to an online survey of 905 total global respondents, including 200 SLE patients, 100 caregivers and 75 physicians in the U.S:

- 60% of people living with lupus reported having difficulty communicating their symptoms to their physician.
- 61% reported that they tend to minimize their symptoms to their physician.

SEVERITY

is the key for reporting a majority of symptoms, yet many high severity symptoms are underreported to physicians.

OVER HALF of patients with lupus and caregivers agreed that lupus negatively impacted career progression.

In addition 62% of people living with lupus reported taking more sick days due to lupus.

- 25% of patients reported an impact on their career progression.
- 34% of physicians noted only 25% of patients reported this being true of their patients.

OVER 3/4 of physicians believe their lupus patients have difficulty communicating their support needs.

Everyone in the lupus community desires improvements in self-management of lupus and its symptoms.

The survey was conducted in 2014 by the market research firm GfK on behalf of GSK.

References

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