

The current state of SLE

Understanding systemic **lupus** erythematosus (SLE) and the people living with this disease.

People live with SLE each day knowing lupus is an **incurable, chronic, uncommon autoimmune disease**.^{1,2,3,4} SLE is the most serious and common form of lupus, affecting 70% of those with the disease.⁵ With **substantial medical costs**^{6,7} and **potentially debilitating symptoms**,⁸ people living with lupus face a number of challenges.



It is critical that we build awareness around the impact of lupus on patients and the healthcare system.

Approximately **170,000 - 200,000** Americans live with SLE.^{1,11}



African-American women are **3x more likely** to get lupus than Caucasian women.¹²



Lupus is **2x more prevalent** in Asian-American and Latina women than it is in Caucasian women.¹³

SLE patients can face **high medical costs**.^{6,7}



\$12k is roughly the cost for a severe flare.⁶



Approximately **1 in 6** hospitalized SLE patients were readmitted within 30 days.¹⁴



Hospitalization rates for SLE patients with severe infection were **12x** higher than for the general public.⁷



46.7% of readmitted patients were African-Americans and Hispanics.¹⁴

SLE patients rarely go into **long-term remission** and it affects their daily life.¹⁵



There is no generally accepted definition of SLE remission.¹⁶

>60% of SLE patients have periodic or permanent reduced ability to complete daily activities.⁸



Nearly **50%** of people living with SLE for an average of **13 years** become unemployed.¹⁷

GSK is proud to stand with people living with lupus, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and concerned lawmakers in the battle against this disease. The more our collective understanding of this condition increases, the better we can all unite to advance the outlook of lupus management.

For more information on SLE management, we encourage people living with lupus to visit www.UsInLupus.com for tools and resources.

For healthcare providers looking to receive more information on SLE management, please visit www.TalkSLE.com.

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