WHAT IS LUPUS?

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause pain and inflammation in the body. It happens when the immune system attacks its own healthy tissues.

90% OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH LUPUS ARE WOMEN AGES 15 TO 44

DID YOU KNOW? Racial and ethnic minority women are at greater risk for lupus.

Types of Lupus

- **Systemic lupus erythematosus**: the most common and serious type of lupus, affects all parts of the body
- **Drug-induced lupus**: a short-term type of lupus caused by certain medicines
- **Cutaneous lupus erythematosus**: affects only the skin
- **Neonatal lupus**: a rare type of lupus that affects newborn babies

Common Symptoms

- Fever
- Butterfly Rash
- Kidney Problems
- Stomach Pain
- Arthritis
- Ankle Swelling

Some people experience mild symptoms of lupus, but for others, lupus can be life threatening. Symptoms differ from person to person and are often mistaken for another disease.

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