

2024 A LANDMARK YEAR FOR LUPUS



ADVOCACY

Advocated for 2 biologics (Saphnelo for SLE, Benlysta for Lupus Nephritis) to be approved for public listing, bringing new hope to countless individuals living with lupus.

Engaged with Members of Parliament to advocate for improved policies, equitable access to care and treatment, and dedicated funding for lupus specific research.

Held a National Survey to better understand the treatment journey of adults with lupus and address unmet needs.

Provided patient input and perspectives to support new treatment submissions to CADTH to improve medication accessibility in Canada.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Expanded the scholarship program to offer ten \$2,500 CAD scholarships, enabling greater support for students living with lupus, thanks to the support from the William Birchall Foundation.



COLLABORATIONS

Joined Research Canada, strengthening Lupus Canada's dedication to advancing research, advocacy, and education.

Member of the Canadian Immunocompromised Advocacy Network (CIAN) to better advocate for the needs of immunocompromised individuals.

Member of a Pan-Canadian working group, comprised of lupus specialists and patient groups, aiming to address disparities in lupus treatment and support.

PUBLIC AWARENESS



65 landmarks lit in purple on May 10th (World Lupus Day).



8 provinces and 2 municipalities declared May 10th (World Lupus Day).



Created content in French tailored for Quebec audiences to improve accessibility.



Created Informational Cards and posters for patients in clinics.



Launched 1,000 Laps for Lupus and Run for Lupus to connect communities and raise funds.



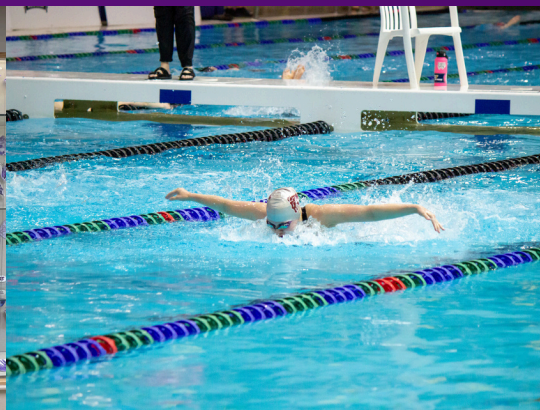
SUPPORT

Hosted webinars and community forums to inform and educate patients and caregivers and create safe spaces for sharing experiences, learning, and empowering each other in the lupus journey.

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Revamped the website's design and functionality to create a user-friendly, bilingual platform featuring a robust resource hub with up-to-date and relevant information on lupus for patients, caregivers and Health Care Providers.

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RESEARCH



Committed \$100k to support vital lupus research.

Engaged with leading researchers and explored cutting-edge research and innovations in bone and joint health, fostering hope for advancements in lupus care.

Committed to 3-year support of the establishment of the Dr. Murray B. Urowitz Chair.

Lupus Canada was awarded the Upper Canada Medal in appreciation of its contributions to lupus research.



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