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**What is Lupus?**

AnyORGAN or tissue could be affected by lupus including skin, muscles, joints, blood, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain—all of them are susceptible to the inflammation caused by this disease.

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. It confuses the body’s immune system so that it can’t tell the difference between harmful bacteria and healthy tissues, and it produces antibodies that attack and destroy the cells we need to survive.

It’s a serious disease whose symptoms range from mild to life-threatening. And because the symptoms come and go, it’s incredibly hard to diagnose.

One in every one thousand Canadians live with lupus. That makes it more common than leukemia, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy - combined!

AnyONE can be diagnosed with lupus, at AnyTIME in their lives. But despite all of that, no one really knows what causes this disease.

Because so few people are aware of it, research is critically underfunded. Based on the studies conducted so far, our best guess is that people are genetically predisposed to lupus, and environmental factors “trigger” the symptoms. And, while lupus can be controlled with heavy drugs and timely treatment, there isn’t a cure. Lupus lasts a lifetime.

Lupus takes something from you — It takes away things you love to do such as being outside in the sun and spending time with people you care about. It takes away the ability to be who you are.

**Who is Lupus Canada?**

Lupus Canada is the only national organization focused on lupus research, advocacy, awareness and education in Canada. No other organization provides a bigger opportunity to make an impact on lupus and those who live with it.

We are fiercely committed to improving the lives of people living with lupus, their families, and their loved ones, by investing in the initiatives that bring us closer to dedicated treatments, and ultimately a cure.

Lupus Canada is *funding the best and brightest lupus researchers in Canada.*

Lupus Canada *supports research that has the greatest potential to improve life for all those touched by lupus.*

Lupus Canada is *advocating for the legal rights of people with lupus.*

Lupus Canada is *educating people afflicted by lupus and those who care for them.*

Lupus Canada is *working closely with the government to enhance policies affecting people living with lupus.*

Lupus Canada is *bringing this often-overlooked disease to the forefront of the political conversation.*

Lupus Canada is *putting the spotlight on the many faces of lupus.*

In spite of its widespread nature, lupus isn’t an easily recognizable disease. With the help of our Celebrity Ambassadors, including DeMar DeRozan, Patrick McKenna, Colin Mochrie and Debra McGrath, Lupus Canada is working tirelessly to provide reliable resources and foster awareness among all Canadians about lupus.

Lupus Canada provides direct support through scholarships to postsecondary students afflicted by the disease.

Quite simply until a cure is found Lupus Canada is helping people with lupus live their best lives.

**How Can You Help?**

ONE TIME GIFTS help support those living with lupus.

IN MEMORY GIFTS are donations to memorialize a friend or loved one. A personalized acknowledgement card will be sent to the family by Lupus Canada if directed.

IN HONOUR GIFTS are donations made to celebrate and honour a special occasion or person or mark a life milestone. A personalized acknowledgement card will be sent to the honouree or family by Lupus Canada if directed.

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