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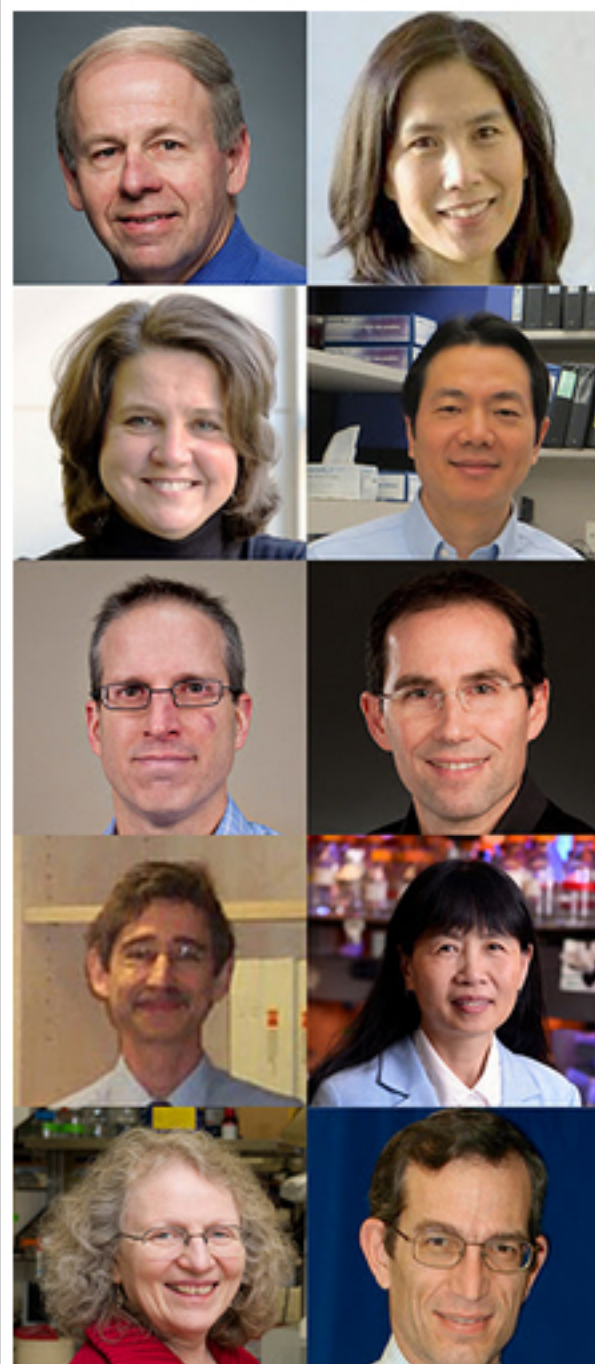
Fun Event to Raise Serious Funds for Serious Science

Support the most innovative lupus research while having a fabulous time! Join the [Lupus Research Institute](#) on **April 28 at the Plaza Hotel** for the Sixth Annual NY Bag Ladies Lupus Luncheon hosted by the S.L.E. Lupus Foundation. This annual event supports research to improve lives of people with lupus today while driving to prevent and cure lupus tomorrow. Master of Ceremonies **Tim Gunn**, Emmy-winning host of *Project Runway* will help us reach our goals!

This year we recognize three **Women of Achievement** pictured left to right: **Desiree Gruber**, President and CEO of the multimedia company *Full Picture*, Co-Creator and Executive Producer of *Project Runway* and Co-Founder of *Theodora & Callum*; **Dr. Lisa R. Sammaritano**, Associate Attending Physician at the *Hospital for Special Surgery* and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at *Weill Cornell Medical College*; and **Michelle Gadsden-Williams**, Managing Director and Global Head, Diversity & Inclusion at *Credit Suisse*. [Read more](#) about why each is truly a Woman of Achievement.

Spend an afternoon with inspiring women and fun bidding on handbags donated by top designers and celebrities to raise funds needed to advance lupus research and patient care! [Click here](#) to purchase individual tickets and tables.

MORE NEWS



LRI Awards \$3 Million to Leading Innovators in Lupus Research

Ten new Novel Research Grants - poised to take high-risk, high-reward research in lupus to new levels.

The LRI's novel research platform is recognized as:

- the cornerstone of a decade of unprecedented scientific success in lupus
- the proven source of breakthroughs that advance new treatments while pushing toward prevention and a cure.

Over \$170 million for novel investigations in lupus over the past decade continues to demonstrate the power of innovation to achieve unsurpassed progress and documented results that directly impact patient care.

Novel investigations continue to define the scope and set the pace for discovery and growth in lupus research. The [LRI Novel Research Grant Recipients Class of 2014](#) is working from Florida to Seattle, from genetics to the human biology of lupus, to tackle lupus with new eyes, new questions, and creative new thinking.

More than half of this year's investigators bring new concepts from the frontiers of biology to bear on the problem of why the lupus immune system switches sides and begins attacking the body it is supposed to protect. Several other investigators are advancing new treatments for the most dangerous and debilitating complications of lupus.

[Read the full story.](#)



Thank You Team Life Without Lupus®!

Thank you Team Life Without Lupus for your commitment and stamina to complete the 13.1 mile route through Manhattan in the recent New York Road Runners NYC Half Marathon.

The Team exceeded their fundraising goal, contributing thousands for novel research and patient services. With the help of passionate supporters like you, we can run lupus right into the ground!

[Full story.](#)



Wanted: Patients for Studies Testing New Drugs

A [new study](#) highlights a widespread obstacle to bringing patients new treatments - not enough patients participating in clinical trials to provide the FDA with the data required to approve new drugs. The study looked at enrollment in studies for a wide range of diseases. And researchers in lupus face the same roadblock.

[Speaking at a recent LRI patient conference](#), Dr. Richard Furie, Chief, Division of Rheumatology at North Shore LIJ Health System, noted there are not enough lupus patients enrolling in trials to test all the potential new treatments. Dr. Furie notes there are many types of trials that patients and their families can be part of that can help advance needed new therapies. Learn more at [LupusTrials.org](#).

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Your support fuels our ability to drive forward to new treatments and a cure. Please [donate](#) so we can continue to *Turn Lupus Research Upside Down* and *Patient Lives Around*.