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# Lupus Communiqué

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## New Backdrop for NY State Fair Lupus Exhibit



Pictured to the left is Lupus Foundation of Mid and Northern New York Volunteer Maryrose Bullock (right) and friend Bobbie Martindale (left) working on the new backdrop for the Lupus Agencies of New York State Exhibit Booth at the State Fair. Maryrose, Bobbie and Rita Johnston designed and painted the backdrop entitled "Assume 1001 Butterflies." Bravo and many thanks to our talented artists for their wonderful work!

Pictured below left is Maryrose Bullock seeing her masterpiece on display for the first time at the Lupus Exhibit at the NY State Fair in August. Pictured below are Lupus Foundation of Mid and Northern New York volunteers Dick & Helen Lenart (seated) and Patricia & James Mitchell and Jackie Taylor (standing) at the Lupus Agencies of NY State Booth.

## LUPUS AWARENESS



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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

*Suggestions or comments on the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact us with any address changes or other corrections to ensure accuracy in the database. If an address is incorrect the Post Office will not deliver under their revised policies and the mail piece will be returned and we will be charged a fee. Please notify us immediately of any changes to avoid extra postal fees. As Technical Director I also invite your input and assistance in improving our organization's operations, especially in maintaining our website. Thank you.*

*Dave Arntsen*

## ***President's Message—***

*As the sun drops lower in the west, the sky takes on a brilliant pastel-hued mixture of periwinkle, azure, aqua, goldenrod, tangerine, and apricot blush. It is a fitting finale to another fabulous season in central New York. While I bathe in the warmth of the setting summer sun I reflect on our recent accomplishments and take pride in the success of our events. From the May Education Symposium to the June Motorcycle Poker Run to the August Golf Classic to the NY State Fair; our events have been successful despite wet weather, poor health, and a failing economy.*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Symposium was attended by 125 registrants who braved the bad weather to empower themselves to live better lives despite chronic disease. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Loop for Lupus Motorcycle Poker Run netted \$3,000 and drew in 120 supporters even with the astronomical gas prices and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic netted over \$25,000 with 100 golfers participating. The NY State Fair Lupus Exhibit was visited by more fairgoers than ever before and we handed out information to thousands of interested New Yorkers.*

*So as the summer comes to an end so does our fiscal year. It has been a stellar financial year for the Lupus Foundation of Mid and Northern New York with a net income in excess of \$65,000. These monies support our local program services including awareness, education, advocacy, and research. We are proud to say that we are the only lupus organization in the nation that gives 1/3 of its income to research each year and this year we are donating \$22,000 to the Lupus Research Institute. Because of your tremendous support and the generosity of our community over the years we have donated \$106,500 to the LRI in the past 7 years and \$158,000 to research overall since 1990. Thank you all so very much.*

*We also want you to know that our advocacy program is not only for people affected by lupus and other autoimmune diseases but we also advocate for health care reform that affects each and every American. We have been very active on both the state and national level fighting to improve health care access issues regarding insurance coverage and billing, doctor-patient relationships, medication choices, research funding, and clinical research trials. These are issues that impact all of us whether one is chronically ill, acutely ill, terminally ill, or healthy—because everyone has the potential to seek medical care. We are fighting for your rights too.*

*This year I feel compelled to thank you all doubly for your commitment to us because of the current economic situation. It has been a difficult year for everyone in the nation, especially for charities like us trying to raise funds to support our program services. We were forced to work extra hard in order to reach our fundraising goals this year. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for choosing to support us during these challenging fiscal times. Thank you for recognizing that lupus does not diminish nor disappear just because the nation is facing a crisis. It may not seem like a lot to you that you reach into your pocket, sell tickets, promote events, or volunteer your time to support us but it means a great deal to all of us affected by this devastating disease. Please also keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization and cannot exist without the efforts of our wonderful volunteers. Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, and Event Workers are all volunteers. We were all recognized for going the extra mile with a standing ovation at the Golf Classic Dinner by the golfers. This small gesture meant a great deal to each of us who worked that day.*

*As we begin the new fiscal year and contemplate the uncertain future given the continuing economic crisis and unpredictable political climate we must hang onto the hope that non-profits will survive. After all, the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon raised a record-breaking \$65 Million dollars this year for neuromuscular disease. Just think of the possibilities if the lupus community could raise that kind of money! Thank you again for your support this past year and remember that we will continue to move forward in our quest to conquer lupus despite any obstacles. Think of us we are here for you.*

***Be Well—Kathleen***

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# 2nd ANNUAL LOOP FOR LUPUS POKER RUN



The 2nd Annual Loop for Lupus Motorcycle Poker Run Sponsored by the Red Knights Motorcycle Club NY Chapter 19 was held on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the Munnsville Fire Station. A Barbecue Cookout sponsored by Outback Steakhouse from New Hartford followed the Run. \$3,200 was raised to support our local program services. Thank you to the Red Knights, Outback Steakhouse, prize donors, riders, and volunteers for their support. Special thanks to David Arntsen, Jackie Taylor, and Joe Klis for going the extra mile in organizing this event. Next year's event will be on July 12, 2009 at the Verona Volunteer Fire Station.

# 8th ANNUAL LUPUS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



The 8th Annual Lupus Charity Golf Classic took place on Friday, August 15, 2008 at Shenendoah Golf Club at Turning Stone. More than \$25,000 in net proceeds was raised for our local program services. Thank you to our golfers, sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, and a special thank you to Dr. Donald Raddatz our Chairman. Photos include First place Men—Utica Professional Firefighters; Co-ed—Team Molly; Emcee Dave Arntsen; 2nd row Ladies—Thorny Roses; Hole in One Sponsor Carbone Dodge; Chairman Raddatz; Team Maryrose; Registration Volunteers; Putting Contest; Cart Sponsor Mitchell Family; Greenie Girls. Next year's event is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2009 at Shenendoah Golf Club.

## NIH Scientists Find a Novel Mechanism that Controls the Development of Autoimmunity

Scientists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have found a mechanism in the immune systems of mice that can lead to the development of autoimmune disease when turned off. The findings shed light on the processes that lead to the development of autoimmunity and could also have implications for the development of drugs to increase the immune response in diseases such as cancer and HIV. The study paper appears online today in the journal *Nature*.

The scientists from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), both part of the NIH, studied immune system T cells — specifically the helper T cell, an immune system component that helps other cells fight infection. They focused on the protein furin, an enzyme that plays an important role in the functioning of T cells.

Scientists have been limited in their ability to study the protein furin, because other enzymes can perform some of the same functions. Also, furin is essential to life, so scientists have been unable to create a mouse without furin that lives past the embryo stage of development. Since the NIH scientists were unable to see what a mouse without furin would look like, they collaborated with Belgium scientists to create a mouse without furin only in T cells. What they discovered was that mice without furin in these cells developed systemic autoimmune disease. This means that the immune systems of the mice attacked their own cells and tissues throughout their bodies.

"We already know that furin seems to have roles in a variety of human diseases, such as cancer, cystic fibrosis and infectious diseases," says lead author Marko Pesu, Ph.D., in the NIAMS' Molecular Immunology and Inflammation Branch. "These findings show that having no furin in certain immune system cells can increase the immune response and lead to autoimmune disease in mice."

The researchers found that deleting furin in helper T cells affected the functioning of two types of T cells, regulatory and effector T cells. The former cells, also called Tregs, promote immune tolerance to the body's own cells and tissues. Upon further examination, the researchers found that mice lacking furin in Tregs had lower levels of a specific protein, TGF- $\beta$ 1, which is produced by these cells and is important for their ability to preserve immune tolerance. However, the researchers noted that effector T cells also produce TGF- $\beta$ 1. They found that furin is also needed for TGF- $\beta$ 1 production by effector T cells and that the absence of furin in effectors makes these cells more aggressive in causing autoimmune disease and tissue damage.

"Inhibiting furin has been thought to reduce growth of malignant cells or to block infections by preventing essential activation of a pathogen," says study author and NIAMS' Scientific Director John J. O'Shea, M.D., chief of the NIAMS' Molecular Immunology and Inflammation Branch. "However, these results suggest that the development of drug interventions could have an unexpected side effect of increasing the risk of developing autoimmune disease."

Investigators from the NIH's National Cancer Institute also contributed to this study.

For more information about autoimmune diseases, visit the Medline Plus Web site, a service of the NIH's National Library of Medicine, at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/autoimmunediseseases.html>

For more information about the NIAMS' Molecular Immunology and Inflammation Branch, visit the NIAMS Web site at [http://www.niams.nih.gov/Research/Ongoing\\_Research/Branch\\_Lab/Molecular\\_Immunology\\_and\\_Inflammation/default.asp](http://www.niams.nih.gov/Research/Ongoing_Research/Branch_Lab/Molecular_Immunology_and_Inflammation/default.asp) For more information about cancer, please visit the NCI website at <http://www.cancer.gov>, or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

Reference: Marko Pesu, Wendy T. Watford, Lai Wei, Lili Xu, Ivan Fuss, Warren Strober, John Andersson, Ethan M. Shevach, Martha Quezado, Nicolas Bouladoux, Anton Roebroek, Yasmine Belkaid, John Creemers, & John J. O'Shea. T-cell-expressed proprotein convertase furin is essential for maintenance of peripheral immune tolerance. *Nature Advance Access* published August 13, 2008, doi: 10.1038/nature07210.

## New Pathway Shows Promise for Tempering Inflammatory Response

Scientists at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) have discovered how a cell-signaling protein, or cytokine, called interleukin 10 (IL-10) is secreted to suppress the immune system in response to the inflammation produced by autoimmune diseases. The discovery of this mechanism could produce new insights into such disorders and their potential treatments. The work appeared a recent issue of *Nature Immunology*.

Mice unable to produce IL-10 have been shown to develop a fatal autoimmune disease, a condition in which an overactive immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissues. Although the importance of IL-10 in immunosuppression has been recognized, how the cytokine is produced as a response to excessive inflammation has been unclear. Now, researchers under the direction of Christopher Hunter, Ph.D., at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and NIAMS Scientific Director John O'Shea, M.D., have discovered that two other cytokines, IL-27 and IL-6, prompt immune cells called T cells to secrete IL-10.

Specifically, Hunter and O'Shea's groups determined that in the newly identified pathway, cytokines IL-27 and IL-6 play roles in stimulating T helper type 1 and type 2 cells, along with a recently identified type of T helper cell (Th17), to produce IL-10. T helper cells relay stimulatory signals that activate other immune cells. By producing IL-10 and other cytokines, T helper cells orchestrate the body's immune responses and modulate its responses to infectious organisms.

The stimulatory effect of IL-27 and IL-6 in the pathway was dependent on transcription factors STAT 1 and STAT 3, for IL-27, and STAT 3, for IL-6. Transcription factors are proteins that influence gene expression.

"Production of IL-10 by T cells is a critical way in which immune responses are held in check," said O'Shea. "If we can tease out the intricacies of the regulation of IL-10 and other cytokines, we may be better able to see how autoimmune diseases develop and design possible treatments for those they affect."

Stumhofer J, *et al.* Interleukins 27 and 6 induce STAT3-mediated T cell production of interleukin 10. *Nature Immunology* 2007;8(12):1363-1371.

The mission of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), a part of the Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health, is to support research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases; the training of basic and clinical scientists to carry out this research; and the dissemination of information on research progress in these diseases. For more information about NIAMS, call the information clearinghouse at 301-495-4484 or 877-22-NIAMS (free call) or visit the NIAMS Web site at <http://www.niams.nih.gov>.

NIAID is a component of the National Institutes of Health. NIAID supports basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism. NIAID also supports research on basic immunology, transplantation and immune-related disorders, including autoimmune diseases, asthma and allergies. News releases, fact sheets and other NIAID-related materials are available on the NIAID Web site at <http://www.niaid.nih.gov>.

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## 2008 LUPUS AGENCIES OF NY STATE EXHIBIT



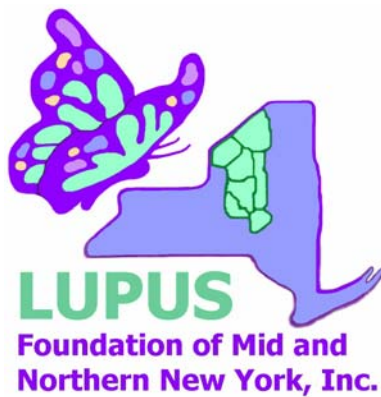
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LFMNNY Volunteers Keith & Judy Routson



Lupus Foundation of Mid & NNY Volunteers Maryrose Bullock, Jackie Taylor, Kathleen Arntsen, Molly, Bridget & David Snitchler at the 2008 New York State Fair Lupus Agencies of New York State Exhibit. For the 18th consecutive year volunteers from our organization manned the booth during late August. The exhibit gives us the opportunity to promote lupus awareness and disseminate information to a much larger population within the state. Thank you to all of our volunteers: David & Kathleen Arntsen, Sandi Frear, Jackie Taylor, Dick & Helen Lenart, James & Patricia Mitchell, Keith & Judy Routson, David, Bridget & Molly Snitchler, Christina Browne, Dale & Maryrose Bullock. Special thanks to Maryrose and her friends Bobbie Martindale & Rita Johnston for designing the beautiful new backdrop for the exhibit. Many hours went into painting the butterflies onto the canvas. The exhibit is funded by the 7 Lupus Agencies within New York State who collaborate on statewide events to promote programs in awareness, education, advocacy, and research for those affected by lupus.



**Fall General Education Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00pm**  
**Sitrin Medical Rehabilitation Center**  
**Conference Room C**  
**2050 Tilden Avenue New Hartford, NY 13413**

**Speakers include:**

**Jackie Warmuth, LNHA, MS, OTR/L**  
**Director of Clinical Rehabilitative Services**

***Overview of Sitrin Services for***  
***Rheumatological and Musculoskeletal Conditions***

**Tammy O'Connor, Marketing Specialist**  
***Introduction to Sitrin and Facility Tour***

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## **Support Group Information**

**Utica Area**

**Facilitator-Helen Lenart**

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**The Utica Area Support Group usually meets quarterly on the third Thursday at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Regional Cancer Center in Utica in Weaver Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please park in the Newell St. parking lot and enter through the Cancer Center main door. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on October 16, 2008. Please contact the office for more information.**

# Clinical Trial Opportunities

## The Lupus Multiplex Registry

The LMRR is actively researching the different ways in which SLE affects various ethnic groups.

Families with one or more living members diagnosed with lupus may be eligible for one of the following studies:

Minorities and Lupus,  
African American Studies,  
Hispanic American Studies,  
Native American Studies,  
Asian American Studies, All Ethnicities,  
Families with 1 Lupus Patient,  
Families with 2 Lupus Patients

For more information visit the website  
[www.ormf.org/?page=aboutlmrr](http://www.ormf.org/?page=aboutlmrr)  
or call 1-888-OK-LUPUS

## Patient Registry SLE

Are you interested in learning about clinical studies and research treatments available to you? There is no cost to you and you get to decide what studies you want to participate in.

All information is kept confidential!

For more information please call:  
**Emily Cushing at 585-275-7167**  
**Debbie Campbell at 585-275-1635**

## LUPUS TRIALS

The SUNY Upstate Medical University  
Syracuse, NY

is conducting clinical research studies on:

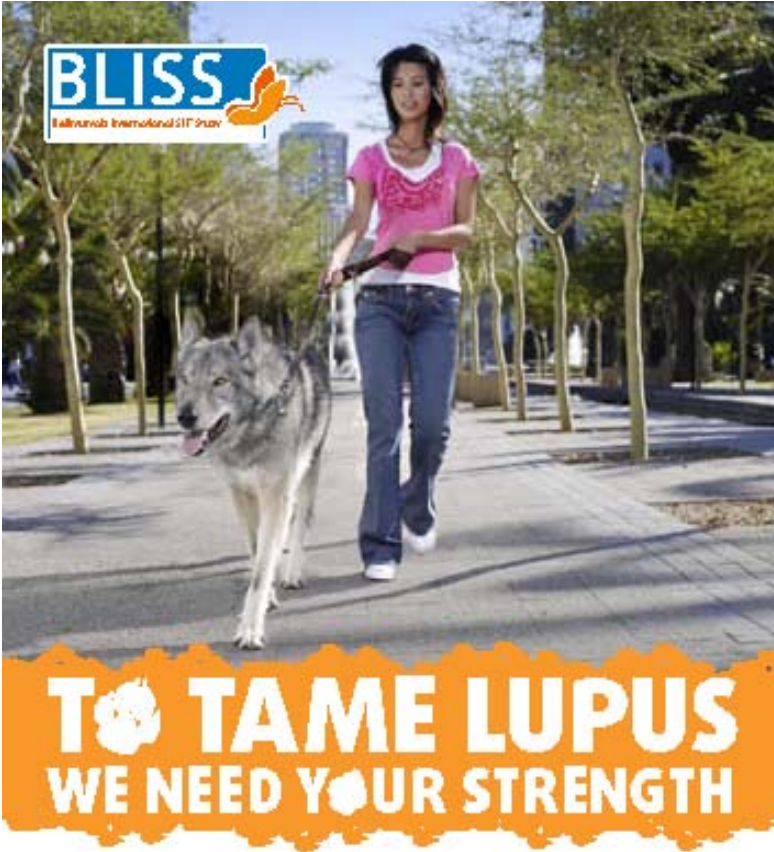
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Metabolic control of systemic autoimmunity  
Role of the HRES-1/Rab4 Locus in SLE  
Mitochondrial Hyperpolarization in Lupus T cells

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**TO TAME LUPUS  
WE NEED YOUR STRENGTH**

Lupus is the Latin word for wolf, but for many lupus patients it also means constant fatigue and a range of other symptoms that can affect daily life. We are studying an investigational treatment to see if it can help tame the disease.

If you are 18 years of age or older and have been diagnosed with lupus, you may be eligible to participate in this research study. For more information, call the number below or go to [www.bliss-study.com](http://www.bliss-study.com)

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