

Lupus Facts

Lupus is a **chronic inflammatory disease** that occurs when your body's immune system attacks your own tissues and organs



1 .5 million estimated people are affected by lupus in the U.S. More than **16,000** new cases are reported annually



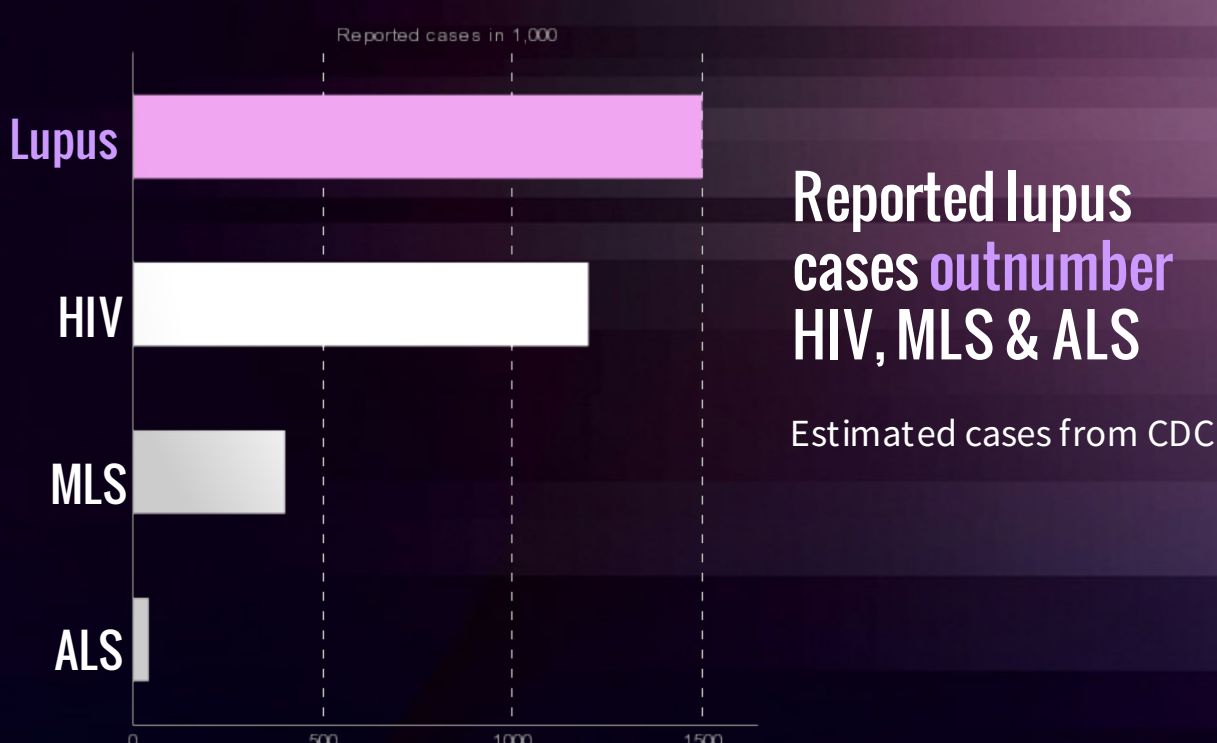
90% of lupus sufferers are women



Women of color are two to three times more at risk for lupus than Caucasians

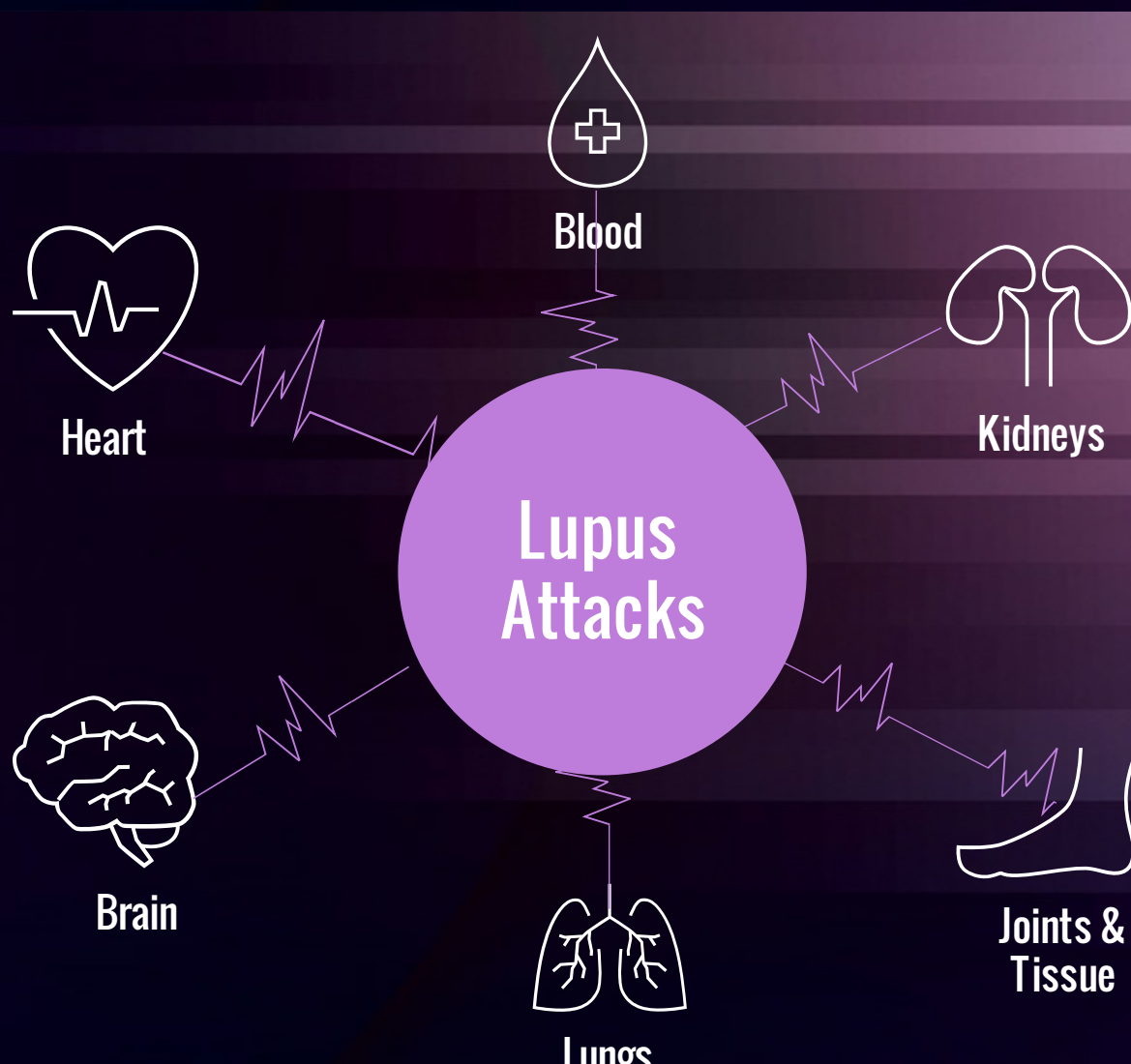


How Big of a Problem is Lupus?



Lupus in **children** tends to be more **severe** than in adults and often involves **multiple organ systems**, including the kidneys

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But you can help. Get involved.

Contact your representative

Support local lupus organizations

Educate others about lupus

