Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

These websites have reliable, up-to-date information. If you have questions about your child’s condition or care, please speak with a member of the health care team.

**Arthritis Foundation** (United States)
- A good place to start learning about lupus in children and teens.
- Provides basic information on causes, diagnosis, and treatment options.
- This website is user-friendly and easy to read, but may be hard to navigate at times.

**Cincinnati Children’s Hospital** (United States)
http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/health/info/rheumatology/diagnose/lupus.htm
- Provides information on lupus for families and children.
- Includes a glossary of medical terms, easy-to-read information about common treatment medications, photographs of skin conditions typically seen in lupus, and practical suggestions for maintaining quality of life with lupus.

**Lupus Foundation** (United States)
- A well-organized website with lots of information. Includes this well-written section for ‘Parents of Children Living with Lupus’.
- Provides information on understanding, diagnosing and treating lupus.
- Includes an online forum, FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), information about support groups.
- View or print the ‘Lupus Now’ magazine.
- Includes a list of research studies in progress (clinical trials) in the United States and Canada.
**Great Ormond Street Hospital** (United Kingdom)
www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/gosh_families/information_sheets/lupus_nephritis/lupus_nephritis_families.html
- Provides information about the effects of lupus on the kidneys, a condition known as lupus nephritis.
- Include a brief explanation of lupus nephritis with diagrams, and information about medications used to control and manage this disease.

**Lupus Ontario** (Canada)
www.lupusontario.org
- Lupus Ontario is a non-profit organization dedicated to “serve everyone who has been touched by lupus: patients, family, friends, researchers and donors”.
- Includes articles for young people and personal stories from patients.
- This website has links to rheumatology centres in Ontario and local support groups that provide emotional and educational support for patients. It also has an online bookstore.