

# WHAT IS LUPUS?

*Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause pain and inflammation in the body. It happens when the immune system attacks its own healthy tissues.*



OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH LUPUS ARE WOMEN  
**AGES 15 TO 44**

**DID YOU KNOW?** Racial and ethnic minority women are at greater risk for lupus.

## Types of Lupus



### **Systemic lupus erythematosus:**

the most common and serious type of lupus, affects all parts of the body



### **Drug-induced lupus:**

a short-term type of lupus caused by certain medicines



### **Cutaneous lupus erythematosus:**

affects only the skin



### **Neonatal lupus:**

a rare type of lupus that affects newborn babies

## Common Symptoms



Fever



Butterfly Rash



Kidney Problems



Stomach Pain



Arthritis



Ankle Swelling

**Some people experience mild symptoms of lupus, but for others, lupus can be life threatening. Symptoms differ from person to person and are often mistaken for another disease.**