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The OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
IS
SEEKING

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES

To Participate in Lupus Studies

LUPUS • *A chronic, inflammatory disease in which the body's immune system attacks healthy tissues and organs such as joints, kidneys, skin, central nervous system, heart, and lungs.*

LUPUS • *Occurs 4 times more often in African Americans than in Caucasians.*

LUPUS • *Affects one in every 250 African American adult females.*

LUPUS • *Helpful therapies are available, HOWEVER THERE IS NO CURE!*

Researchers in our Arthritis/Immunology Research Program have found **GENETIC EFFECTS** that seem to occur primarily in **African American** families. These findings may lead to identifying the genes that reveal the causes of lupus.

To Participate:

- Families can live in the USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands. (Travel to Oklahoma is NOT necessary.)
- Families must have at least **1 living member** diagnosed with **systemic lupus** (aka SLE).
- All participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire, sign a consent form and donate a blood sample.
- Minor monetary compensation will be provided upon study completion.

For more information, please contact a recruiter at 1-888-655-8787 (toll-free)

Or visit our website: <http://lupus.omrf.org>