

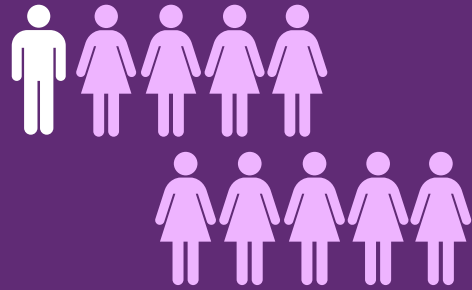


5 MILLION PEOPLE GLOBALLY

According to The Lupus Foundation of America, at least **five million people worldwide** have some form of lupus. As well, it is estimated that **10 to 15 percent of people with lupus will die** prematurely due to complications of lupus.

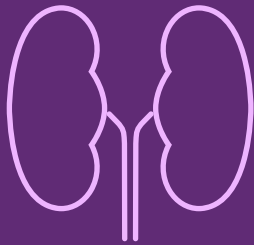
WHO GETS LUPUS?

It is estimated that more than **50,000** women, men and children in Canada are affected by lupus. Lupus develops most often between the ages of 15 and 44. **Nine out of ten** people with lupus are women. As well, lupus is **2 to 3 times** more prevalent among **women of colour**.



EFFECTS ON THE BODY

In approximately 50 percent of systemic lupus cases, a **major organ or tissue in the body**, such as the heart, lungs, or brain will be affected. As well, according to the John Hopkins Lupus Center, **the kidney has become the most extensively studied organ** affected by lupus. Common symptoms of lupus include skin rashes, sun sensitivity, joint pain, extreme fatigue, fever, chest pain and seizures.



IS THERE A CURE?

The cause for lupus has not yet been discovered. **Until the cause is found there will be no cure.** Improving awareness of lupus will save lives! Early detection, diagnosis and treatment of lupus helps to slow the debilitating effects of the disease. **Effective treatment can minimize symptoms, reduce inflammation and improve the overall quality of life.**

