

Help Us Solve
The Cruel Mystery

LUPUSTM

**Smart Research.
Faster Progress.**TM

FOUNDATION OF AMERICA
Mid-South Chapter (serving AL, KY & TN)

A lupus diagnosis is life changing. **It can mean a life spent waiting for new medical advances while managing life-threatening and debilitating symptoms.** With no known cure, every day means a new struggle for people with lupus. This is where the Lupus Foundation of America comes in. Our patient-first approach delivers better results to improve quality of life.

Our research focuses on what matters: TRANSFORMING LIVES.

Advancing Lupus Drug Development

At every step in the process, including identifying improvements in clinical trial design **so new treatments can get into the hands of people who need them faster.**

Faster, More Accurate Diagnosis

As a result of our funding efforts **a new test, Avise[®], has been patented and commercialized.**

Investment of \$3.8 Million in Stem Cells

For the **first phase II mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) clinical study in the United States for the treatment of moderate to severe lupus.**

Funding Researchers Who Are Working Toward a Cure

We have funded more than 400 lupus researchers at more than 100 medical institutions, **many who have gone on to secure millions of dollars and drive breakthroughs in the understanding of lupus.**

Funding the Development of a Home Test to Assess Kidney Function

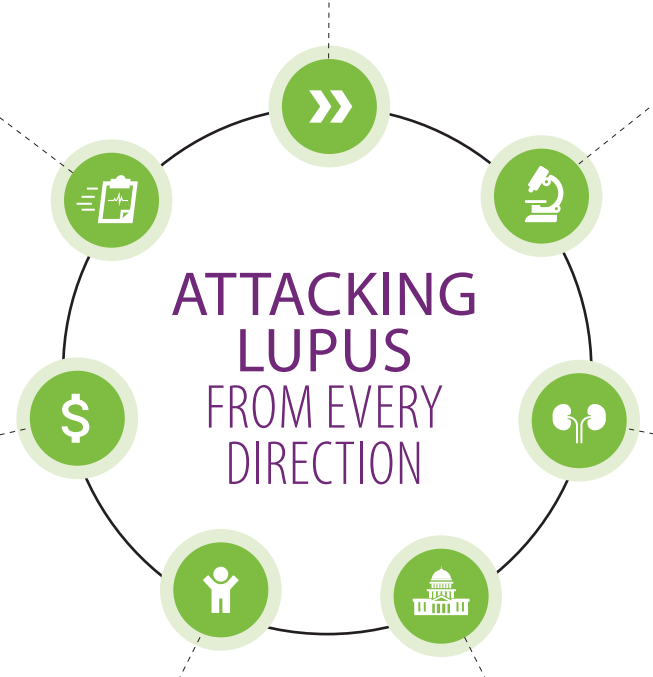
Being studied for children **to help avoid the need for a painful and invasive kidney biopsy.** Two patents are pending.

Setting the National Childhood Research Agenda

Through partnerships **with leading pediatric rheumatologist to identify the most pressing research needs.**

\$90 Million for Lupus Research and Education

Including a dedicated Lupus Research Program at the **Department of Defense resulting from our visible, daily presence on Capitol Hill.**



**ATTACKING
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