EULAR Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) Study Group

This is a study group that evolved from the EULAR Task Force on SLE that has published recommendations on the diagnosis and management of SLE, neuropsychiatric lupus and lupus nephritis, all published in the *Ann Rheum Dis* (available at the EULAR website). In addition, the Task Force has published recommendations on points to consider for conducting lupus clinical trials.

The study group is open to all clinicians, researchers, allied health professionals and patients from Europe or outside Europe, and will be meeting annually during the EULAR Congress. During the year communications among members will be done by e-mail.

Objectives:

1. **Network clinicians and researchers interested in SLE**
2. **Update on research initiatives in lupus at the translational and clinical level**
3. **Facilitate research initiatives at European or International level.**
4. **Increase the pool of younger people interested in the disease.**
5. **Inform and coordinate educational activities in the field of SLE for fellows, nurses and patients.**
6. **Develop and disseminate management recommendations for lupus.**

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