

# **LRAN** Lupus Research Action Network

*by* **Lupus Foundation of America** 

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**September 26<sup>th</sup> ,  
2024**



WELCOME!

# Housekeeping Items:

- Please mute your audio when not speaking
- Use the Raise Hand function (found in the “Reactions” button) if you have a question or comment, we will have time for Q & A
- Chat function is open to all if you want to engage with each other during the training

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- LRAM Program Updates
- RAY Updates
- LRAM in Action
- Special Topic: How to find Clinical Trials
- Evaluation/Feedback

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# **CEO Welcome**

Lousie Vetter,

President & Chief Executive Officer

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# **IMPACT+ Program Updates**

Stephanie Slan, MBA, ACRP-CP

IMPACT+ Project Director

# Who is in LRAN?

## A look at the numbers

- 86 members
  - 2 males (2.3%)
  - 84 females (97.7%)
- LRAN members are located across the country
  - Florida: 23
  - Pennsylvania – 10
  - Texas – 10
  - New Jersey – 8
  - New York – 8
  - California – 7



# Who's in LRAN (cont.)

- 58 currently enrolled in RAY
  - 28 LRAN members not in RAY
- It is especially important for LRAN members to encourage and facilitate enrollment in RAY.
  - Remember, RAY is a way to begin to participate in research, allowing your voice to be heard your experiences to shape the future of lupus treatment.





# What's New?

## Your LRAM Member Website

- <https://www.lupus.org/LRAM>
- You will find access to
  - recordings of LRAM classes and continuing education sessions
  - access LRAM Toolkit materials
  - general clinical trials information
  - sign up for latest research news
  - Enroll in RAY
  - download a presentation for a speaking engagement
  - report a speaking engagement
  - connect with other LRAM members



Lupus Research Action Network Members

## Materials & Resources

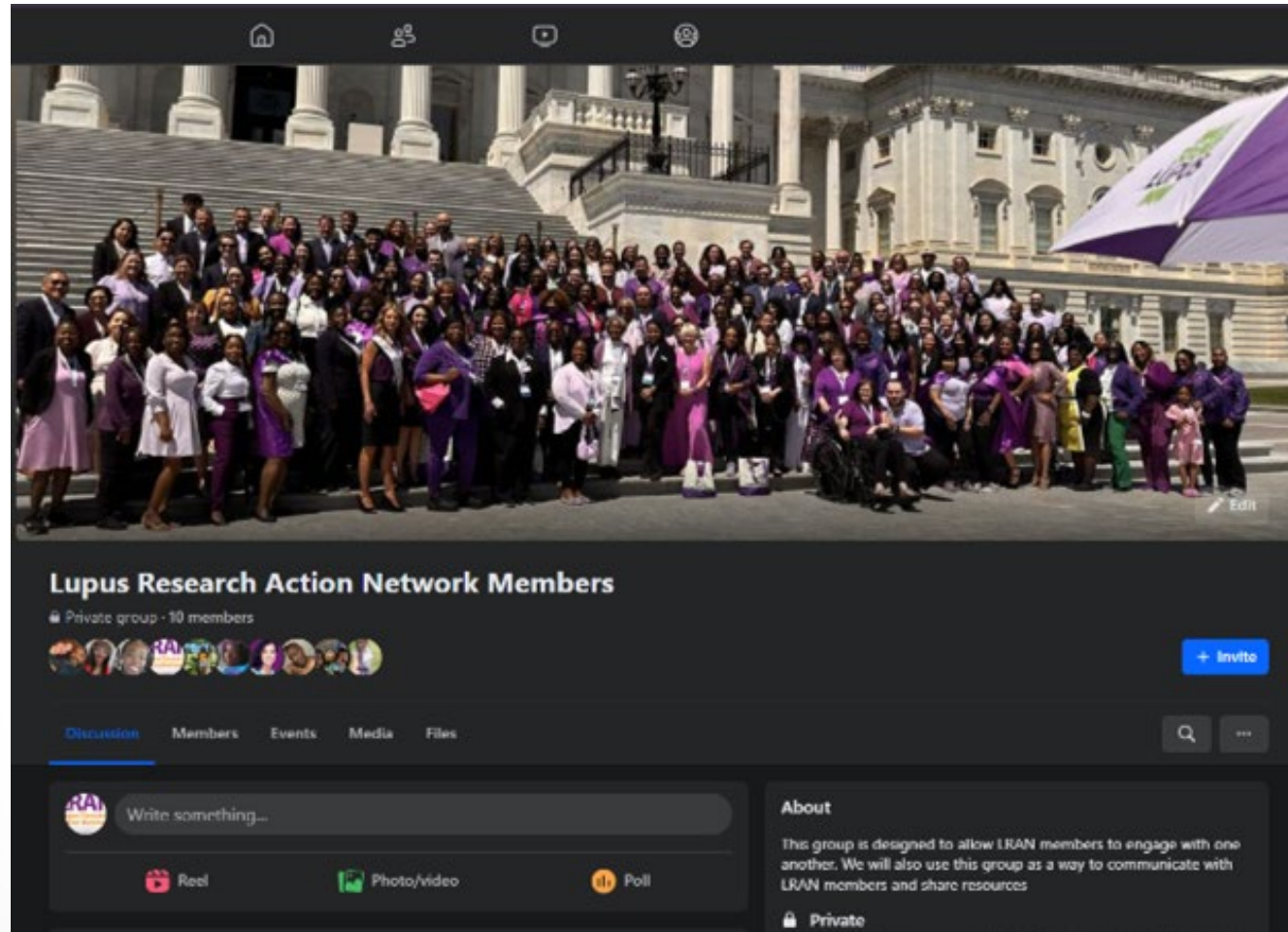
Thank you for being a member of the Lupus Research Action Network and for your commitment to improving the lives of people with lupus by promoting opportunities to participate in lupus research. Use this page to stay up-to-date on the latest lupus research news and to download critical resources that will assist you as we support and enhance lupus research. This page will be updated as new resources become available, so check back often!

Sign up for Inside Lupus Research to stay up-to-date on the latest news! [Sign Up Now](#)

The Lupus Research Action Network (LRAN) is designed to empower select members of the lupus community to educate other Lupus Warriors about lupus research, including clinical trials, and drive participation in it. Members of the Lupus Research Action Network are a critical component of the Foundation's mission to advance research through advocacy, awareness and education.

# Join Our Facebook Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/lupusresearchactionnetwork/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/lupusresearchactionnetwork/)



# Interested in Contributing?

- Would you like to help facilitate engagement between your fellow LRAN members?
- Would you like to lend your voice to the continuous improvement of lupus research?
- Reach out to Stephanie Slan at: [slan@lupus.org](mailto:slan@lupus.org) to volunteer to be a Facebook moderator.

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# Research Accelerated by You Update

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Health Outcomes and Research Manager,  
LFA

# Enrollment Update

**Total Number of RAY  
Participants**

**4024/3500**

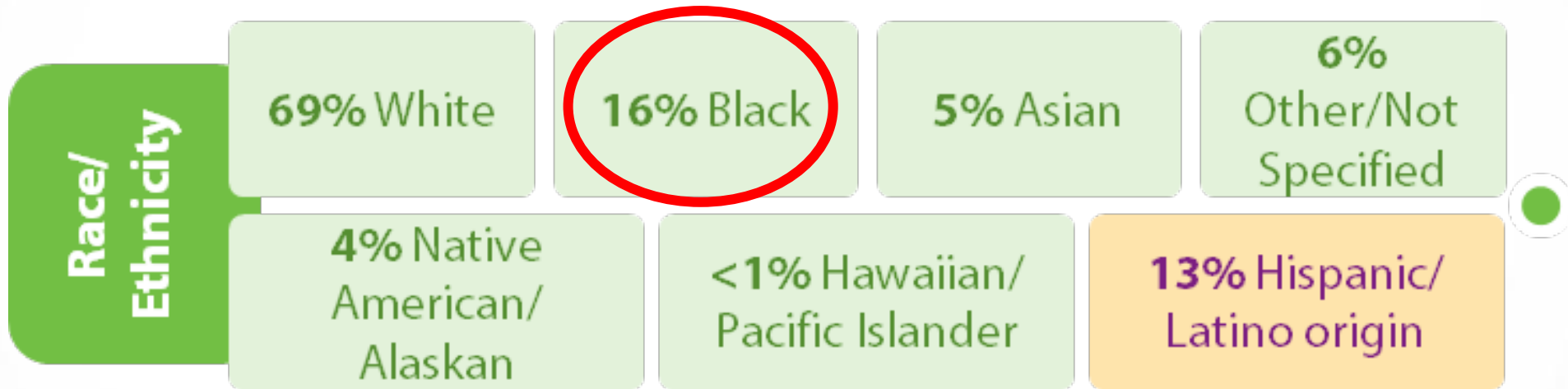
**Participants added  
since Oct. 2023**

**1272**

**Participants  
added since June  
2024**

**733**

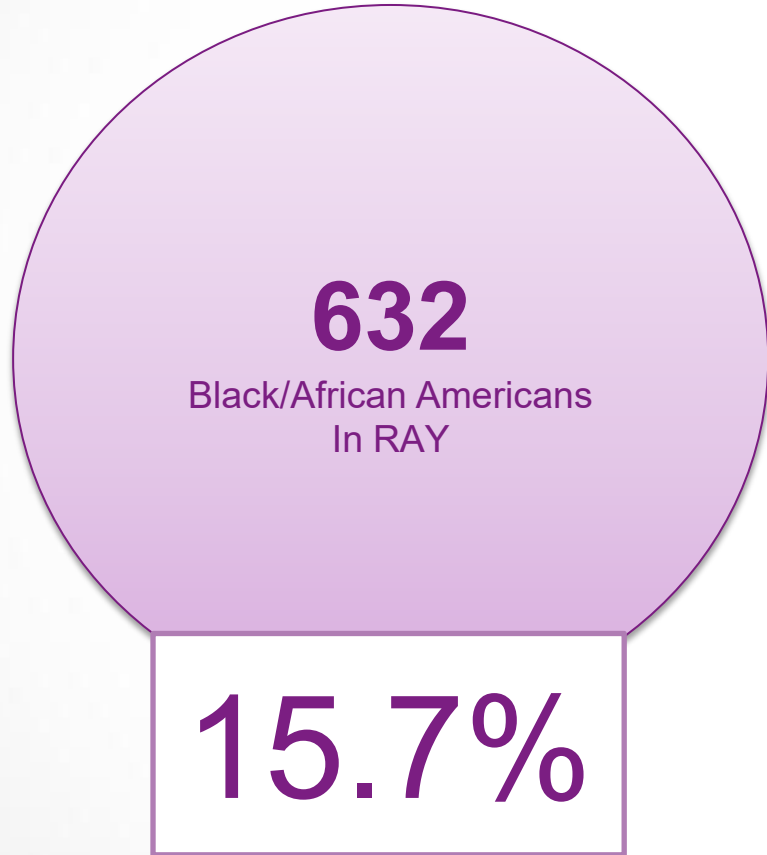
# Current RAY Demographic Breakdown



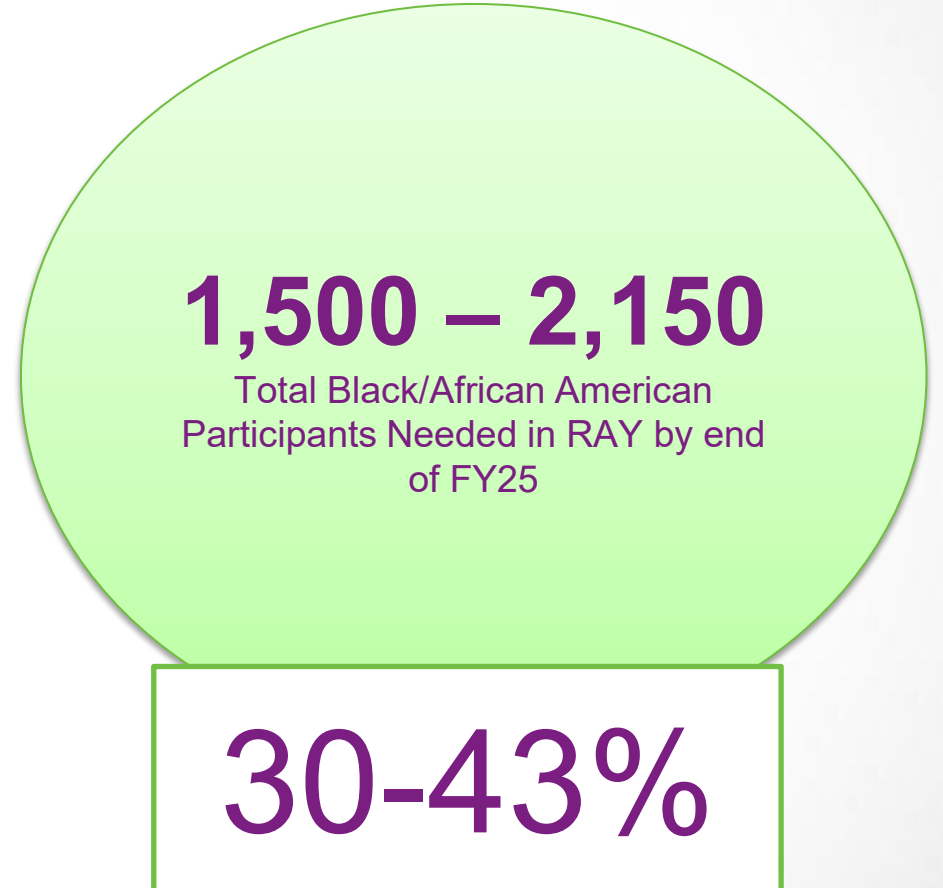
Nationally, Black/African Americans comprise

**30-43%** of the lupus population

## Current



## Goal



Add at minimum

**+868**

**New Black/African American Participants in RAY!**



# How Can LRAN Help?

86

LRAN  
Members

Each LRAN  
Member should  
aim to get...

10+

**Black/African  
Americans** living with  
lupus to enroll in RAY!



For resources:

[Registrycoordinator@lupus.org](mailto:Registrycoordinator@lupus.org)

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## **LRAN in Action**

Salathiel DeLoach

Warrior & Advocate



# Salathiel DeLoach

LRAN Member

- Agenda:
  - My journey with the Lupus Research Action Network
  - Why I chose to join LRAN
  - Latest Events & A Story that moved me

# My Journey with the Lupus Research Action Network

Who is Salathiel?

Benefits of being part of LRAN

Personal role and contributions

# Why I Chose to Join L<sup>R</sup>AN



- Diagnosed 2001
- Karell Coppock 2009, Sharee Coppock 2010, Monique Johnson 2017, Omega DeLoach 2017
- Lack of resources, awareness, support advancing research... CURE
- Be the change that will affect the world far beyond the surface

# Latest Events & a Story That Moved Me

- Juneteenth Festival most recent event (8/24/2024)
- Key takeaways, tips, and success of the event
- I won't be silent... I'm all in!!!





**Thank you!**

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# **Finding Clinical Trials**

Your Guide to Exploring Treatment  
Options for Lupus

# Why Clinical Trials are Important

- Help advance lupus research and discover new treatments
- Gain access to new therapies before they are widely available
- Contribute to the future of lupus treatment
- Receive expert care and monitoring

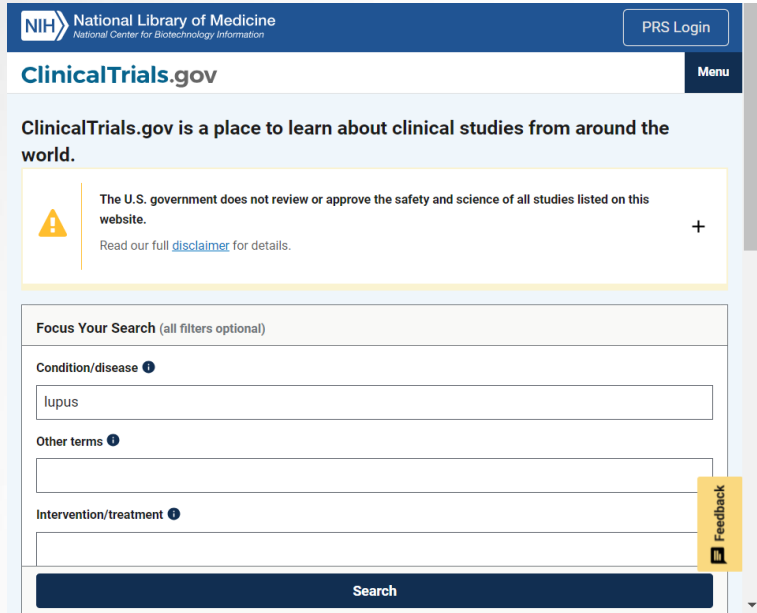


# What to Know Before Searching

- Know your lupus diagnosis, symptoms, and current treatments
- Understand the phases of clinical trials (Phase I, II, III, IV)
- Talk with your doctor(s) to ensure clinical trials are suitable for you
- Be aware of potential risks and benefits

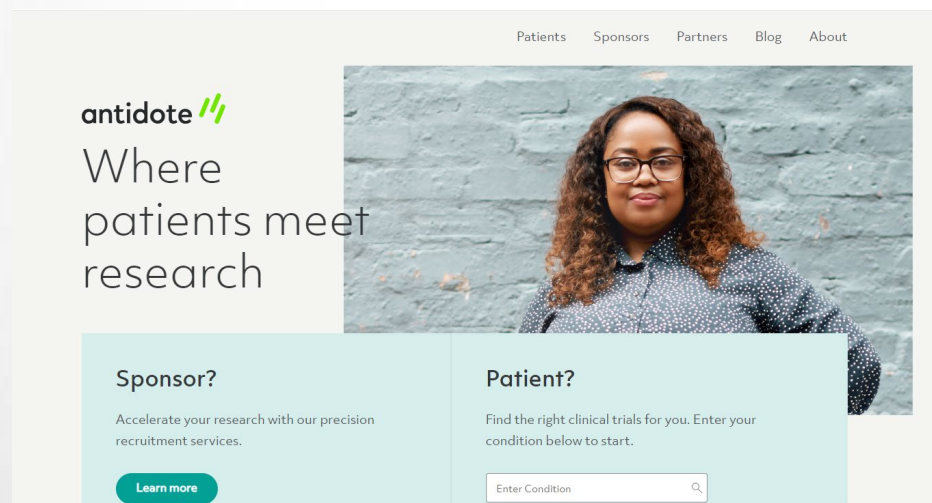
# Clinical Trial Phases

- **Phase 1:** Assess **safety** and **dosage** (*20-100 participants*)
- **Phase 2:** Evaluate **effectiveness** and further assess safety (*100-300 participants*)
- **Phase 3:** **Confirm** effectiveness, monitor **side effects**, and **compare standard treatments** (*300-3,000 participants*)
- **Phase 4:** Post-approval monitoring or **long-term effects** (*3,000-10,000+ participants*)



# Where to Search for Clinical Trials

1. The Lupus Foundation of America
  - **Research Accelerated by You (RAY)**
  - Local advocacy groups
2. ClinicalTrials.gov
  - Largest database for ongoing clinical trials
  - Filter by condition (lupus), location, and status
3. Antidote Match (antidote.me)
  - User-friendly interface for finding trials by condition and location
4. CenterWatch.com
  - Lists trials across various conditions including lupus
5. Local Hospitals



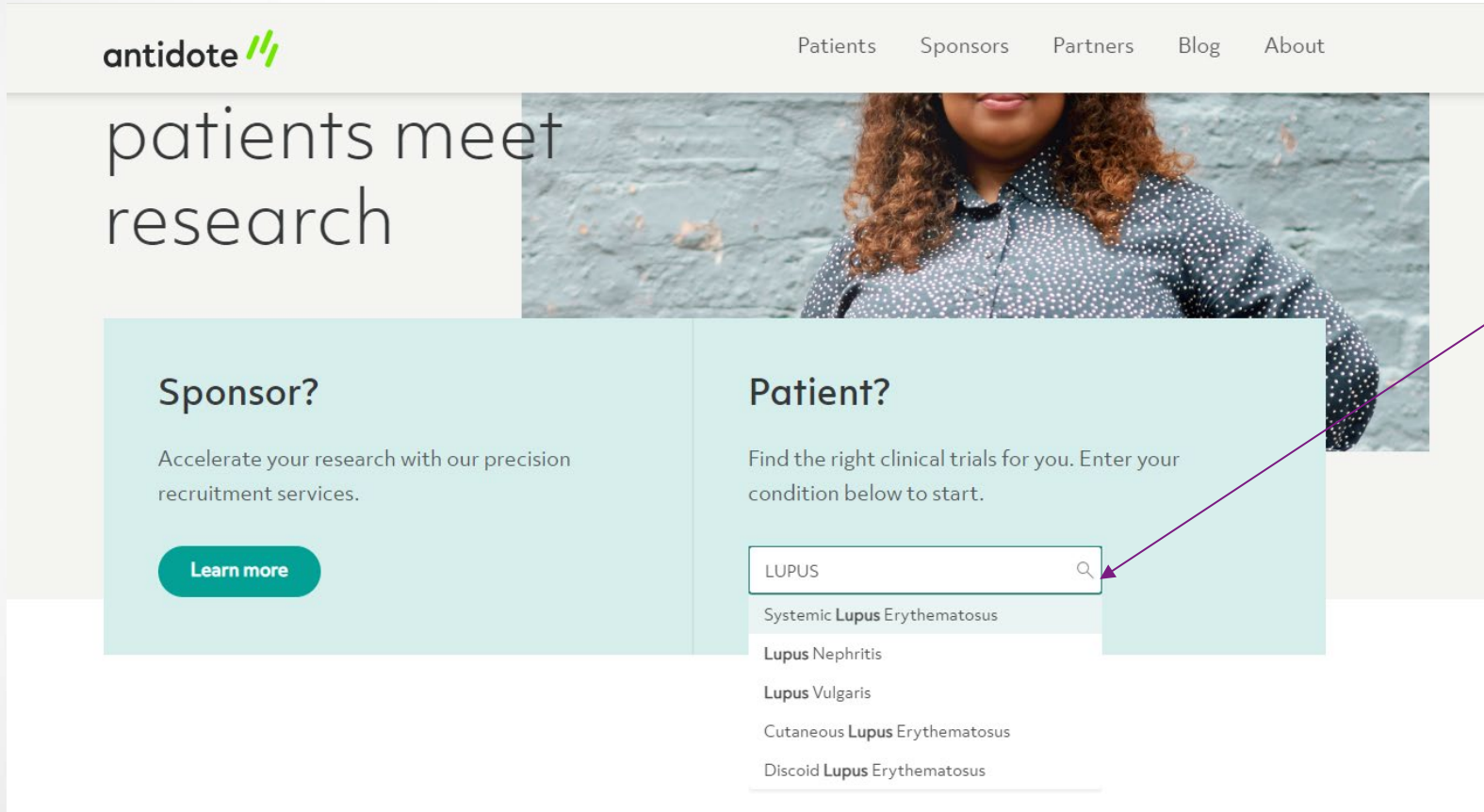
# Finding a Clinical Trial

1. Collect information about your lupus
2. Find clinical trials
  - [Research Accelerated by You \(RAY®\)](#)
  - [Lupus.org](#)
  - [ClinicalTrials.gov](#)
  - [Antidote.me](#)
3. Review the trials that interest you
  - [Inclusion/exclusion criteria](#)
  - [Trial design, study visits](#)
  - [Benefits vs. Risks](#)

# Finding a Clinical Trial

4. Contact the study team to learn more
5. Ask questions
  - Talk to your doctor/care team
  - Discuss with family
6. Make an appointment

# How to Use Antidote.me



The screenshot shows the Antidote.me website. At the top left is the logo 'antidote' with a green double-slash icon. To the right are navigation links: 'Patients', 'Sponsors', 'Partners', 'Blog', and 'About'. Below the navigation is a banner with the text 'patients meet research' and a photo of a woman. Below the banner are two columns. The left column is titled 'Sponsor?' and contains the text 'Accelerate your research with our precision recruitment services.' and a 'Learn more' button. The right column is titled 'Patient?' and contains the text 'Find the right clinical trials for you. Enter your condition below to start.' Below this text is a search bar with 'LUPUS' entered and a magnifying glass icon. A dropdown menu is open below the search bar, listing the following conditions: 'Systemic Lupus Erythematosus', 'Lupus Nephritis', 'Lupus Vulgaris', 'Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus', and 'Discoid Lupus Erythematosus'. A purple arrow points from the text in the second bullet point to the search bar.

- Visit [www.antidote.me](http://www.antidote.me)
- Under the "Patient" section, type in your diagnosis and select from the drop-down list.



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For whom are you looking to find a trial?

Myself

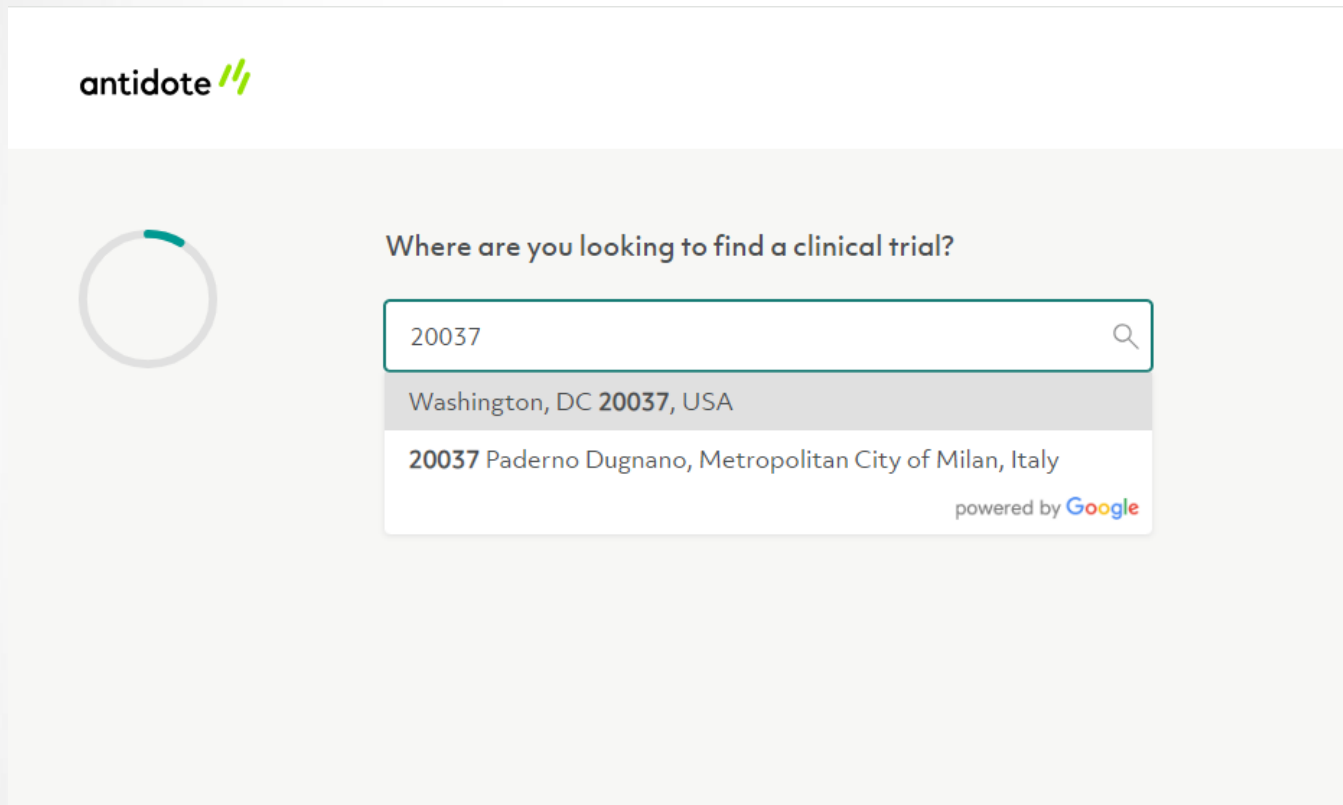
Someone else

Submit

315 trials found

- Select who you are looking for a trial for (either yourself or someone else)
- Click submit

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Where are you looking to find a clinical trial?

20037

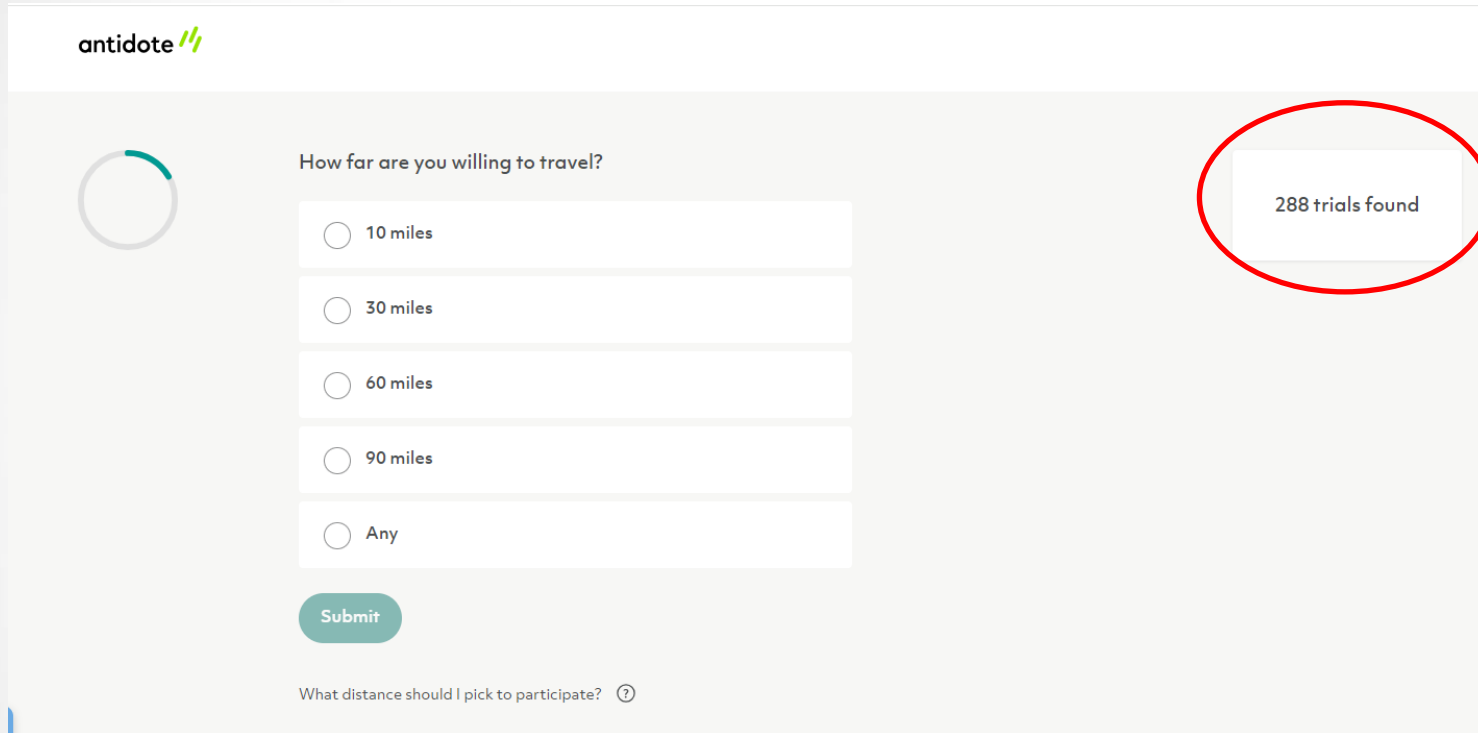
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- Enter your ZIP code and select from the drop down list
- Click submit

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How far are you willing to travel?

10 miles

30 miles

60 miles

90 miles

Any

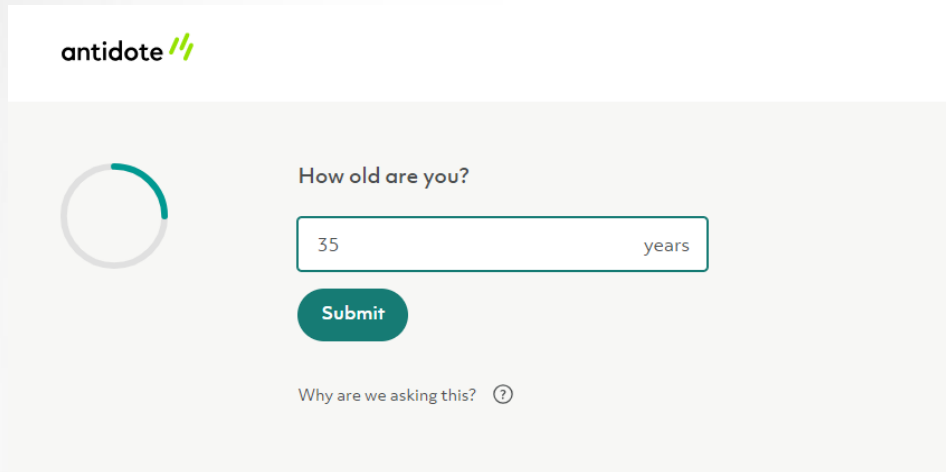
Submit

288 trials found

What distance should I pick to participate? ?

- Select the distance you are willing to travel to a trial site
- Click submit

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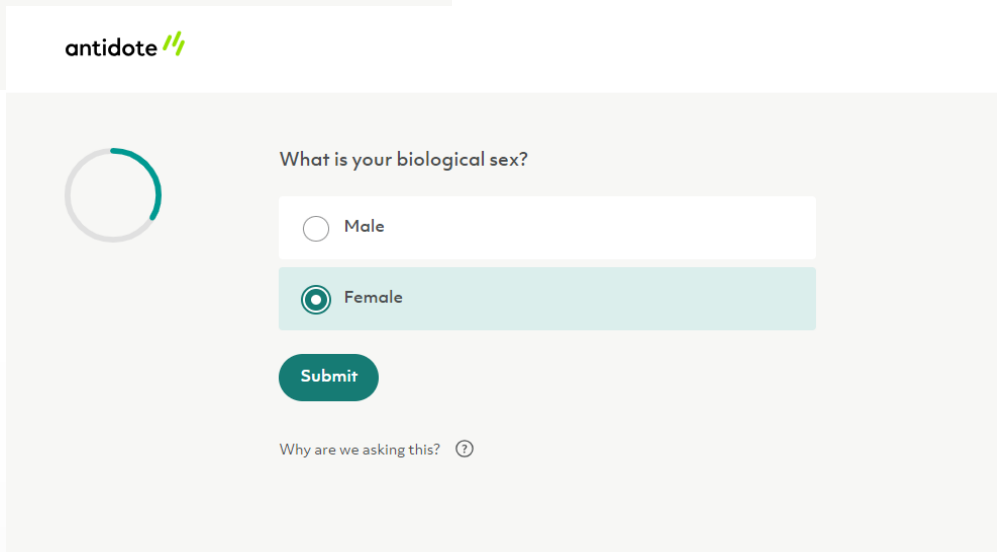
How old are you?

35 years

Submit

Why are we asking this? ?

This screenshot shows the first step of a registration form. It features the Antidote logo at the top left. The main question is "How old are you?". Below this is a text input field containing the number "35" and the word "years" to its right. A green "Submit" button is positioned below the input field. At the bottom, there is a link that says "Why are we asking this?" followed by a question mark icon. On the left side of the form, there is a circular progress indicator with a teal segment.



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What is your biological sex?

Male

Female

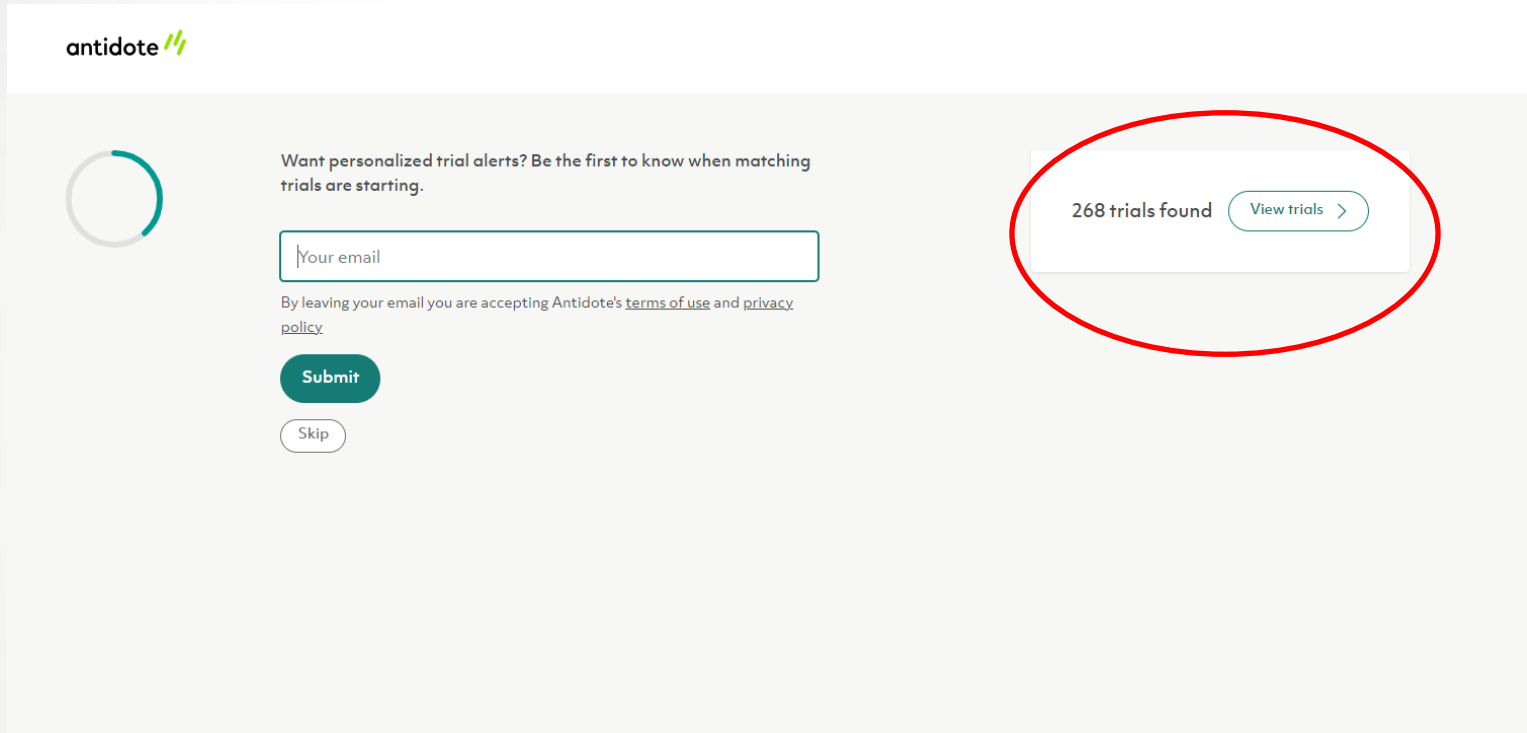
Submit

Why are we asking this? ?

This screenshot shows the second step of the registration form. It features the Antidote logo at the top left. The main question is "What is your biological sex?". Below this are two radio button options: "Male" and "Female". The "Female" option is selected, indicated by a teal circle and a teal background highlight. A green "Submit" button is positioned below the options. At the bottom, there is a link that says "Why are we asking this?" followed by a question mark icon. On the left side of the form, there is a circular progress indicator with a teal segment.

- Enter your demographic information on the next few pages (age, biological sex,

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The screenshot shows the Antidote.me website interface. At the top left is the Antidote logo. Below it is a circular progress indicator. The main content area contains a text input field for an email address, a 'Submit' button, and a 'Skip' button. A notification box on the right displays '268 trials found' and a 'View trials >' button, which is circled in red. The text 'Want personalized trial alerts? Be the first to know when matching trials are starting.' is positioned above the email input field. Below the input field, there is a line of text: 'By leaving your email you are accepting Antidote's [terms of use](#) and [privacy policy](#)'.

- You can enter your email address to receive personalized trial alerts
- Click on View trials to see the trials in your area

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- Continue to answer more questions for a more personalized list of trials

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What best describes you? (optional)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin

Middle Eastern or North African

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

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Have you been diagnosed with any of the conditions below by a medical professional?

Check all that apply

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE, or lupus affecting multiple organs)

Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus (CLE, or lupus only affecting the skin)

Another type of lupus not listed

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Are you currently pregnant or breastfeeding?

Yes

No

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- Click on the trial you are interested in to see more information

# Understanding Eligibility Criteria

- Read through **inclusion** and **exclusion** criteria carefully
  - Age, Gender, Specific Lupus Diagnosis, and Prior Treatments
- Reach out to trial coordinators to ask questions



# Talking to Your Doctor About Clinical Trials

- Discuss any trials that you are interested in participating in.
- Ask how the trial fits with your current treatment plan.
- Understand potential risks and benefits.
- Ask questions!

# Informed Consent and Safety



- Know your **rights** as a participant (voluntary participation)
- Trials are regulated for safety, but some risks may exist

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**For More Information or Resources:  
[registrycoordinator@lupus.org](mailto:registrycoordinator@lupus.org)**

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Any Questions?

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**Time for Feedback**

# Complete the Feedback Survey

[https://lupus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0c92CwAEqBJWIfQ](https://lupus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0c92CwAEqBJWIfQ)





Thank You!