

Topline Summary

Global Survey Reveals Extensive Impact of Lupus on Organs

The World Lupus Federation conducted a global survey to study how lupus affects the body's organs. The 15-question survey was administered in March of 2022 to people with lupus. The survey results demonstrate the significant impact that lupus has on the health and quality of life among those living with the disease, and the challenges in treating it. [Click here to view detailed global survey results.](#)



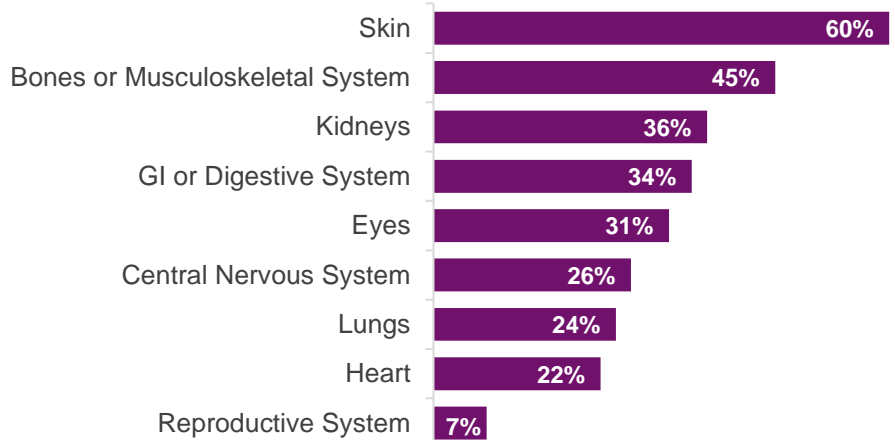
The global survey had a wide reach, with **6,704** respondents living with lupus and **over 100*** countries represented.

87% of survey respondents living with lupus reported one or more major organs or organ systems affected by the disease. (n=6,704)

“Seems like every five years another one of my organs is brought into the mix and affected by lupus.”

- Survey Respondent, 2022

Skin and bones were most commonly reported as being affected by lupus. (n= 5,833)

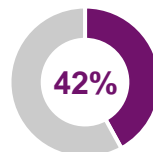


73% reported multiple organs impacted, with an **average of three organs** affected. (n=5,833)

Among the survey participants reporting organ impact...



Over half were **hospitalized** because of organ damage caused by lupus (n=5,789)



42% were told by a doctor that, due to lupus, they have **irreversible organ damage** (n=5,789)

People living with lupus face treatment challenges for organ problems.



Nearly 3 in 4 survey respondents (71%) with organs affected by lupus are taking at least one medication specifically to treat lupus-related organ problems. (n=4,862)



1 in 4 have been told by a doctor that their current or previous lupus treatments directly caused damage to their organs. (n=5,417)

Top challenges to obtaining or taking medications to treat lupus-related organ problems were reported by people with the disease. (n=3,446)



56%

Concerns about safety or side effects



42%

High cost of medications



25%

Medication in short supply



19%

COVID-19 restricted access

Most respondents (89%) reported that lupus-related organ damage led to at least one significant challenge to their quality of life. (n=5,789)



“Since lupus has begun affecting my eyes, brain, and nervous system, my life has changed completely.”

- Survey Respondent, 2022