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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Leave a Legacy to Advance Lupus Research

The Lupus Research Alliance has partnered with the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center to better understand how lupus affects the brain. Donating your brain upon your passing can help advance this important research and find new insights into lupus and how it affects the brain.

Read on to learn more about this program.





How do I donate?

Find out more about the donation process at lupusresearch.org/brainbank or call **800-BRAIN.BANK (800-272-4622)**.

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We are asking people to make one of the most meaningful contributions to advance our understanding of how lupus affects the brain. Whether you have lupus or not, please consider planning to donate your brain to lupus research upon your passing.

Together, we can change the course of lupus for future generations.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How is the brain affected by lupus?

The brain is one of the many organs that can be affected by lupus, which can lead to depression, brain fog, headaches, and other symptoms. But our understanding of how lupus impacts the brain is limited.

Why is studying brain tissue important?

The Lupus Research Alliance and the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center are supporting important research to improve our understanding of how lupus affects the brain. As part of this research, it's critical to look at brain tissue from people who passed away after having lived with lupus as well as tissue from those who did not have lupus.

How will donating my brain tissue help others?

Researchers can only study the brain of a deceased individual. Being able to study your brain tissue upon your passing will allow researchers to see what changes happen among people who had lupus compared with those who had not. This could improve how lupus is managed as we work toward more treatments and a cure!

Who is eligible to pledge a donation?

To pledge your brain donation after your passing, you must be at least 18 years of age and live in the continental US.

Do I need to have lupus to pledge to donate?

No. To understand how lupus affects the brain, researchers must study tissue samples from both people who had lupus and those who had not.

Who will have access to the brain tissue to ensure its best use?

The Lupus Research Alliance will use a rigorous review process to determine which researchers can access the valuable tissue samples. Brain tissue and associated information will be securely stored at the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, you can withdraw your pledge at any time. It's also important to let your family know your decision so they can carry out your wishes.