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BEWARE OF THE BIG BAD WOLF

There is a disease of which millions have never heard. The name is LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS, (Latin: the wolf). The incidence is estimated between 15 to 50 per 100,000 population. Ninety percent of cases occur in women of child bearing age. It is more common in Blacks than Whites, but Hispanics and Asian also susceptible.

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus is an autoimmune disease of unknown etiology in which tissues and cells are damaged by pathogenic autoantibodies and immune complexes.

Lupus is difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are vague and sometimes suggest other diseases. Some of warnings can be joint pain or swelling, fevers, fatigue, skin rashes, light sensitivity, hair loss, seizures, pleurisy, sores in nose and mouth, and kidney problems.

Diagnostic tests are available from your private physician or at the University of Houston Health Center. The overall prognosis is generally favorable, and although there is no definitive cure, treatment modalities exist.

We at the Health Center will be happy to help you.



Healthfully yours,

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