



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5.56

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The month of May is designated as "Lupus Awareness Month" in recognition of the following:

- (A) Systemic lupus erythematosus, or lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often disabling autoimmune disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the body's own cells, tissues, and organs.
 - (B) Lupus can affect many parts of the body, including the joints, skin, brain, heart, lungs, and kidneys.
 - (C) Lupus nephritis is a serious manifestation of lupus that causes inflammation of the kidneys.
 - (D) Lupus nephritis can lead to irreversible kidney damage or even kidney failure, which may require dialysis or a transplant.
 - (E) Prompt diagnosis and treatment are crucial for patients with lupus and lupus nephritis.
 - (F) Lupus and lupus nephritis are more common in and disproportionately impact women and patients of color.
 - (G) Too many lupus and lupus nephritis patients, and especially marginalized patients, in the United States face harmful delays in diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.
 - (H) The department of health's lupus education and awareness program, established under section 3701.77 of the Revised Code.
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