



This Month: Open Discussion

The holidays are over, the rhythm of daily life has returned and the first Support Group meeting of 2007 started the year off with a roomful of old friends and new faces.

There was good food, good conversation and a caring, supportive atmosphere where members shared their concerns and their successes of the past few months.

A couple of topics were of primary concern and hopefully we can provide some resources here to aid in the search for answers.

FIND A DOCTOR

First, the challenge of finding a doctor came up with a new twist. What do you do if you have Lupus and your pediatrician can no longer care for you? Everyone faces the transition of going from a pediatric doctor to an adult doctor, but it can be especially stressful for the Lupus patient. Some suggestions included referrals from current doctors, calling local hospitals, or asking your doctor to keep you on.

Some doctors care for their patients past 18 years of age. Ask around, find out who other people use and how they found them.

Here is a link to a webpage ["How to Find a Doctor"](#) that helps Lupus patients know what questions to ask as they look for a physician.

LUPUS AND DISABILITY

Another topic that took center stage was how to file for disability for Lupus. There had been many frustrations and roadblocks when it came to finding answers. We did some research on the internet and found some resources that might be helpful. We hope the links provided will help in the search for information.

Benefits-

[Social Security- Lupus](#)
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/14.00-Immune-Adult.htm%2314.02%20Systemic%20lupus%20erythematosus>

[Applying for benefits with Lupus](#)
<http://www.disabilitysecrets.com/social-security-disability-lupus.html>

[Obtaining Social Security Disability and SSI Benefits for Persons with Lupus](#)
<http://www.rabinslaw.com/CM/Articles/Lupus.asp>

[Political and Legal Links for people with Lupus](#)
<http://www.angelfire.com/ca/lupushome/>

[Job Accommodations for People with Lupus](#)
<http://www.jan.vwu.edu/media/Lupus.html>

Disability Attorneys- Orlando, FL
[Attorney Pages](#)
<http://www.yellowpages.com/sp/yellowpages/ypresults.jsp?v=3&st=FL&ci=Orlando&t=0&s=2&q=Attorneys+Social+SecurityDisability+Law&req=uestid=484614>

Helpful information-
[Cure4Lupus.org](#)

Upcoming Meetings

February 27, 2007

March 27, 2007

April 24, 2007

May 22, 2007

June 26, 2007

July 24, 2007

August 24, 2007

Meetings are held the fourth

Tuesday of every month at

Arnold Palmer Hospital

Classrooms 1& 2

92 W. Miller St.
Orlando, FL 32806

Support the Cause, Shop DLF!

The DLF store will be undergoing some changes in the coming months.

Our goal is to make it easier for you to place your order and help us raise money for Lupus

In the meantime, visit the [current store](#) to order the new **DLF KEYCHAIN**



**Thank
you
for
your
continued
support**



Thank you to everyone who sailed with us on the annual DLF cruise.

Check out the [Cruise Photo Gallery](#) on the website