

## The Lupus Foundation of America

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Jill P. Buyon, MD, is Professor of Medicine at New York University School of Medicine and Vice Chairman, Department of Rheumatology in New York City. She received her medical education at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York, and was then a resident and intern in Internal Medicine at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and finally a fellow in Rheumatology at New York University Medical Center. Prior to her current post at NYU, Dr Buyon was Instructor in Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, and held the positions of both Assistant and Associate Professor of Medicine at NYU. In 1985, Dr Buyon founded the Lupus Clinic at the Hospital for Joint Diseases (HJD) in New York, which she currently directs, along with her position of Director of the Lupus Study Group. She is also an investigator at the Institute of Molecular Immunology at the HJD. Dr Buyon is widely published, with over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, 12 proceedings, and 50 reviews/chapters to her credit, along with one book. She has received grants for ongoing basic and clinical projects in SLE, from the National Institutes of Health, as well as the American Heart Association. She is a member of the American College of Rheumatology, the American Federation for Medical Research, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and serves on the editorial board of Lupus Now.

**Joan T. Merrill, MD,  
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Joan T. Merrill, MD, is the Medical Director of the Lupus Foundation of America. She is currently Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Research Program at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF), OMRF Professor of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and holds an adjunct faculty position at New York University (NYU) Medical Center. She received her medical training at Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY, followed by an internship and residency at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center, a fellowship in rheumatology at NYU Medical Center and a basic research fellowship in the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University. Dr Merrill's research focus is the study of genetics and pathophysiology relevant to atherosclerosis risk in lupus and antiphospholipid syndrome, for which she has received multiple foundation and NIH grants. She has numerous publications and is a sought-after speaker at clinical symposia both nationally and internationally.

**Victoria P. Werth, MD,  
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Dr. Victoria P. Werth is Chief, Division of Dermatology, at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospital. She is also Professor of Dermatology and Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and served her internship in medicine and a residency in internal medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She was a resident and later a chief resident and research fellow in dermatology at New York University in New York. Dr. Werth was also a Dermatology Foundation Fellow.

Dr. Werth is a member of several prestigious professional and scientific societies, including the American Academy of Dermatology, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Rheumatology and the Dermatology Foundation. She is a Feature Editor for the Journal of Clinical Rheumatology and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology. In addition, Dr. Werth is a reviewer for several esteemed publications, including the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Journal of Investigative Dermatology, Arthritis & Rheumatism, the Journal of Rheumatology, and the British Journal of Dermatology.

Among her many awards and honors, Dr. Werth is listed in Who's Who in America and Best Doctors in America. She is an Ad Hoc Reviewer for the Immunology Panel of the VA Merit Review and she was a Panel Chair and member of the Medical & Scientific Committee Clinical Panel of the Dermatology Foundation.

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Among his many honors, Dr Appel received the Distinguished Teacher Award of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Albert Douglas Award of the Medical Society of New York State and is listed in Best Doctors in America. He is a reviewer for numerous medical journals, including *Kidney International*, *JAMA* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr Appel is on the Medical Advisory Board of the Lupus Foundation of Westchester, the National Kidney Foundation and The Kidney and Urologic Foundation of America. In addition, he has been the Chairperson or Director of many regional and national educational programs. He is extensively published and has over 200 articles to his credit covering treatment of glomerulonephritis, novel therapies and the role of socioeconomic status and race in prognosis of proliferative lupus nephritis.