



Long Island / Queens Affiliate

Contact: J.C. VanderPutten  
Director of Programs and Media  
516-783-3370  
Fax# 516-826-2058  
Email: [info@lupuslqueens.org](mailto:info@lupuslqueens.org)

March 5th, 2012

**If you have Lupus, you can help research into the cause and cure!**

Bellmore, NY - The Lupus Alliance of America LIQ Affiliate, Long Island and Queens only local resource for those living with lupus, will be working with SeraTrials, a local biotechnology company that partners with major Pharmaceutical and Diagnostic companies for the development of diagnostic assays and biological drug development.

SeraTrials requires control blood samples from donors, not currently involved in any dosing studies. These blood samples will be identified only by a unique identification number, donor privacy will be strictly protected.

Sera Trials is currently looking for participants who are willing to have their blood drawn at their Long Island offices, in order to help further research into the cause and cure of lupus, as well as new lupus medications. Each participant will receive \$25.00 for their time. These ARE NOT clinical trials, there are no medications to take, and you will only need to have your blood drawn once. If you are unable to come to one of their L.I. locations, they can send a mobile phlebotomist to your home instead.

In order to participate, please contact the Lupus Alliance of LIQ at 1-800-850-9000 and ask for a participation form to be sent to your home, or you can visit their website at [www.lupuslqueens.org/seratrials](http://www.lupuslqueens.org/seratrials) to download the participation form. Once you fill out the form, send it back to the Lupus Alliance at 2255 Centre Avenue in Bellmore and a Sera Trials representative will contact you in order to begin the process of signing up to be a donor. This process will include filling out the limited medical release form and setting up a time and date for your appointment. Each participant will be required to fill out a simple registration form including your doctor's name and phone number, list of current medications taken and your vital statistics. At this time, they are only looking for lupus patients to participate in these blood draws.

The Lupus Alliance of LIQ will receive a stipend from Sera Trials for each person they refer to their company for this program. This money will be used to support research as well as help fund their educational and awareness programs.

If you participate you will not only be helping yourself and everyone who has lupus get that much closer to better medications and treatments for lupus, but you will also be helping the Lupus Alliance of LIQ reach out to those who need their help in your neighborhoods.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Alliance at 516-783-3370, or e-mail them at: [info@lupuslqueens.org](mailto:info@lupuslqueens.org).

# # # #