

Lupus and the Lung

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Lupus can have multiple manifestations in the lung. The most common ailment is pleuritis, which inflames the pleura tissue of the lung, causing chest pain. More rare lung complications include chronic interstitial pneumonitis , acute lupus pneumonitis and acute alveolar hemorrhaging. Pulmonary hypertension and blood clotting may also occur. Each of these complications vary in levels of severity. This article provides a description of these lung conditions, their symptoms, diagnosis methods and treatments options.