

Cancer Therapy May Offer New Hope to People with Lupus

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High-dose intravenous cyclophosphamide is being used to treat lupus. The hope is to destroy the current defective immune system stem cells, so that a new properly functioning immune system can form. This therapy has shown to be effective about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the time; however, there are serious side effects, including severe osteoporosis and ovarian failure. It is important to stay informed and up-to-date on drug development to ensure you are getting the best treatment.