

## **Lupus and the Eye**

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There can be many vision problems resulting from lupus or lupus treatments. Most ocular (eye) manifestations of lupus are a result of eye tissue inflammation. Ocular complications due to renal, neurological, vascular, hematologic, gastrointestinal and musculoskeletal systems are also prevalent in people with lupus. In addition, medications used to treat lupus can affect vision. Corticosteroids, antimalaria drugs and cytotoxic drugs can cause vision impairment or vision loss. If you have lupus, it is important to closely monitor your eye health to avoid irreversible eye damage.