

Moderator: If a patient wanted to become involved in a study how do they get enrolled? What is the procedure?

Dr. Esdaile: The best way is to go to the Arthritis Research Centre at www.arthritisresearchcentre.ca. There is a clinical trial section, so ask them about it. Another website you can go to is Arthritis Consumers Experts at www.arthritisconsumerexperts.org and they may have access to other information. I think that often the internet can be your friend if you are going to a valid website.

Dr. Tucker: Pediatric lupus is lagging behind, because the first studies have to be done in adults, before we can get ethical approval to test for children. As far as I am aware, there are no pediatric lupus trials going on in North America.