

Moderator: How long does it take for an adult with symptoms to see a doctor and then a specialist, and then get diagnosed with lupus?

Dr. Liang: I just want to comment on this, too. In the United States we have looked at studies replicated over 60 years, primarily in the US but it is probably similar here. In a population level of 1000 men, women and children there will be 800 people who get a symptom in a month. How many do you think go to see a doctor? It is about 217. So I think we will never know how to reach all of them. We will have to take a different approach and do a real outreach to find the people who would benefit from early intervention. And this has not been solved yet. I think this would be a very important research project.