

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lupus Awareness Spring Seminar 2009**  
**Lupus Foundation of America, Kansas City Chapter, Inc.**

Saturday, April 18th, 2009  
Embassy Suites Kansas City – Plaza  
220 W. 43rd Street – Kansas City, MO 64111  
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**AGENDA**

8:00–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:10	Welcome from the Lupus Foundation of America, Kansas City Chapter
9:10- 9:25	Dr. Abdou Introduction of Dr. Merrill
9:25 -10:30	Overview of lupus: Past, present & future: Dr. Joan Merrill, University of Oklahoma
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–11:30	Breakout Session I (choose one) Problems lupus patients face Problems lupus doctors face in care of lupus patients
11:35–12:15	Breakout Session II (choose one) Problems lupus patients face: Problems lupus doctors face in care of lupus patients:
12:15–12:25	Break
12:25–1:30	Thank you & adjournment to socialize with one another with refreshments

**Save The Date**

**Featured Speaker Renowned Lupus Expert**

**Joan T. Merrill, MD,**  
**Medical Director, Lupus Foundation of America;**  
**University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma Medical Research**  
**Foundation**

Joan T. Merrill, MD, is the Medical Director of the Lupus Foundation of America. She is currently Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Research Program at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF), OMRF Professor of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and holds an adjunct faculty position at New York University (NYU) Medical Center. She received her medical training at Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY, followed by an internship and residency at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center, a fellowship in rheumatology at NYU Medical Center and a basic research fellowship in the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University. Dr Merrill's research focus is the study of genetics and pathophysiology relevant to atherosclerosis risk in lupus and antiphospholipid syndrome, for which she has received multiple foundation and NIH grants. She has numerous publications and is a sought-after speaker at clinical symposia both nationally and internationally