

**MedStar Washington Hospital Center**

**Section of Rheumatology Lupus Clinic**

**Young Adult Privacy Statement**

Welcome to the Lupus Clinic at MedStar Washington Hospital! We understand that going from your pediatric rheumatologist to a new adult rheumatologist isn’t easy. To make this change easier for you, we will work together with you and your doctors. We will also contact the pediatric rheumatologists and other pediatricians who have been looking after you. Here is what you can expect from us:

* **The Lupus Clinic** provides care for people, like you, with Lupus.
* **The Lupus Foundation of America** will be a partner in your care.
* They will send one of their staff to your appointments
* They will help you learn more about bout Lupus.
* **Privacy**
* At age 18, you have the right to make your own decision about your medical care.
* *This means we do not discuss any aspect of your care with anyone else, including your parents, unless you specifically ask that we do.*
* If you would like us to speak to family members and friends about your health care, we need your permission (a signed form) from you.
* Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act(HIPAA) means your health information is kept private.
* **Keep track of your health online**
* With myMedStar : you can keep track of your test results and request medication refills
* myMedStar allows you to leave email messages for your doctors and nurses
* See the attached brochure on myMedStar to learn more about this tool and how to sign up.

To make an appointment, call Dr. Rujuta Trivedi at her pager (202) 801-0159. Please leave your call back number at the beep and then press #.

**WELCOME**

