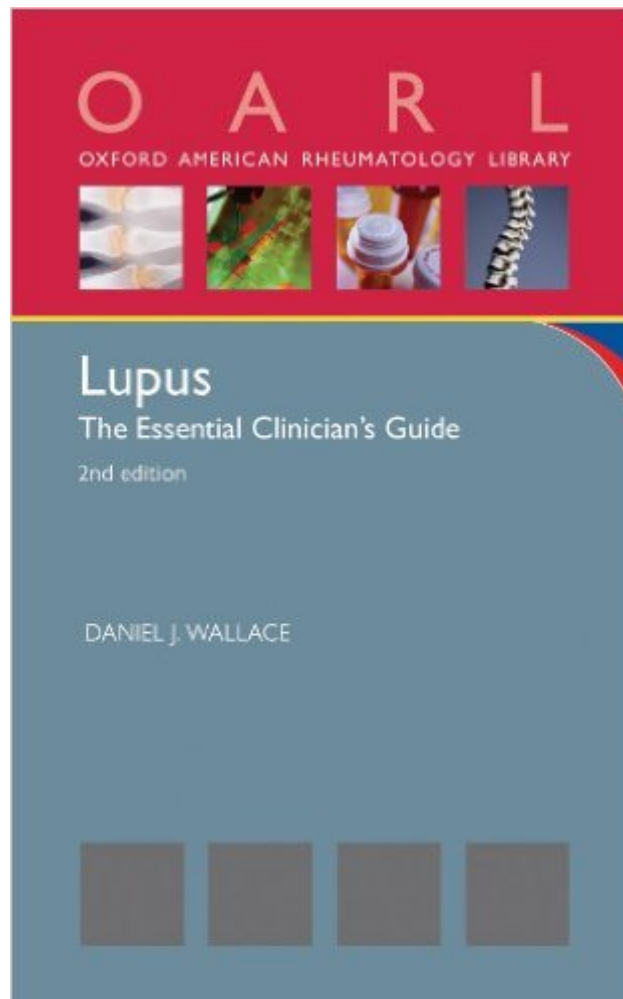


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This is the perfect book for patients and relatives of those who have Lupus. The information given here is complete and well written. It is a part of the large Johns Hopkins series of what may be the finest books available for informing patients and their relatives concerning a wide variety of disorders. Mike Murray MD FACP

I am looking forward to receiving this book. I have been diagnosed with SLE since Jan of 1990. I have organ involvement, skin problems. I have been looking for something on this level. I am more into the pathology and how it affects the body. Not patient accounting of their disease. I am a professional registered nurse, practiced for 15yrs before Lupus and it affects put me on disability. The lack of understanding for what you are going thru by the medical profession is medical negligence. Just wanted to let you know my feelings. After I read the book, i will be back to right a review.

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