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# Aurinia Launches Resource Kit for People Living With Lupus Nephritis and Partners With National Kidney Foundation on Awareness Initiative

*- Company recognizes World Kidney Day and National Kidney Month -*

VICTORIA, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. (NASDAQ:AUPH / TSX:AUP) ("Aurinia" or the "Company") , a late-stage clinical biopharmaceutical company focused on advancing voclosporin across multiple inflammatory and autoimmune conditions, today announced new initiatives to support the lupus nephritis (LN) community and raise disease awareness on World Kidney Day, during National Kidney Month and beyond. These initiatives and resources include:

- **#ALLINorange:** Through the ALL IN program, Aurinia is once again partnering with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) on its #ALLINorange campaign throughout the month of March to raise awareness and understanding of LN. The ALL IN program is a source of information, resources, and support for those affected by LN and their care partners. ALL IN community members and those who newly register in March will receive #ALLINorange disease awareness bracelets to show support for National Kidney Month and the LN community. More information is available at [www.allinforln.com](http://www.allinforln.com).
- **ALL IN Lupus Nephritis Awareness Resource Kit:** Aurinia also launched today a new resource kit for people living with LN and their care partners. The kit was created with input from members of the LN community to help expand awareness and knowledge of lupus nephritis. The resource kit is available at [www.allinforln.com/awarenesskit](http://www.allinforln.com/awarenesskit).

There is currently no FDA-approved therapy for LN, which is inflammation of the kidneys caused by systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and represents a serious progression of SLE. LN affects up to 50% of the SLE patient population.

"Observances such as National Kidney Month and World Kidney Day are a reminder that people living with lupus nephritis are affected by the severe symptoms and complications associated with this disease each and every day. We are honored to work together with the community to advance understanding of this serious disease," said Neil Solomons, M.D. Chief Medical Officer at Aurinia. "The ALL IN program is a source of information, resources, and support for those affected by LN, and we are committed to continuing to build on materials and initiatives that benefit the community."

More information about LN is available at [www.allinforln.com](http://www.allinforln.com). Members of the LN community can also find and share these resources and information about LN on Facebook

[@AuriniaPharma](#) during National Kidney Month.

### **About Lupus Nephritis**

Lupus nephritis (LN) is an inflammation of the kidney caused by Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and represents a serious progression of SLE. SLE is a chronic, complex and often disabling disorder. The disease is highly heterogeneous, affecting a wide range of organs and tissue systems. Unlike SLE, LN has straightforward disease outcomes (measuring proteinuria) where an early response correlates with long-term outcomes. In patients with LN, renal damage results in proteinuria and/or hematuria and a decrease in renal function as evidenced by reduced eGFR, and increased serum creatinine levels. LN is debilitating and costly and if poorly controlled, LN can lead to permanent and irreversible tissue damage within the kidney, resulting in end-stage renal disease (ESRD), thus making LN a serious and potentially life-threatening condition.

## **About Aurinia**

Aurinia Pharmaceuticals is a late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapies to treat targeted patient populations that are impacted by diseases with a high unmet medical need. The Company is currently developing an investigational drug for the treatment of lupus nephritis, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis and dry eye syndrome. The Company's head office is in Victoria, British Columbia and focuses its development efforts globally. For further information, see our website at [www.auriniapharma.com](http://www.auriniapharma.com).

## **About National Kidney Foundation**

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is the largest, most comprehensive, and longstanding patient-centric organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease in the U.S. For more information about NKF, visit [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org).

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