



**Marisa S. Klein-Gitelman, MD**  
**2014 Walk to Cure Arthritis**  
**Medical Honoree**  
**Lake County, IL**

Dr. Marisa S. Klein-Gitelman received her BA and MS from Stanford University, her MD from Washington University, and her MPH from the University of Illinois. She completed a fellowship at Tufts-New England Medical Center, Pediatric Rheumatology; residency and internship at Babies Hospital/Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and she is board certified in Pediatric Rheumatology.

Dr. Klein-Gitelman is currently a professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, and division head, Division of Rheumatology at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. She has received numerous honors including, Best Doctors, U.S. News and World Report; Best Doctors (Pediatric Rheumatology), Chicago Magazine; Chicago Super Doctors; Best Doctors in America; Best Doctor in Chicago, Castle Connolly Guide; all editions.

Her interests include arthritis disorders, autoimmune diseases, childhood systemic lupus erythematosus, and vasculitis.

Dr. Klein-Gitelman's primary research efforts focus on pediatric onset systemic lupus. Active clinical research projects include development of tools to assess cognitive changes in pediatric lupus, development of best tools to assess disease flare and remission, best practices for treatment of lupus nephritis, and development of biomarkers for nephritis and overall disease activity. Other clinical lupus studies have included assessment of corticosteroid therapy practices, assessment of ovarian suppression during treatment with cytotoxic agents, and multicenter studies to identify important genetic risks for pediatric lupus.

Dr. Klein-Gitelman participates in studies of the genetics of pediatric arthritis, as well as new therapies and phase IV drug registries. In addition, she has also participated in vasculitis registries in North America and Europe. She has a great interest in cost effectiveness and initiatives in health quality of care.

The Arthritis Foundation is proud to recognize Dr. Marisa S. Klein-Gitelman as the 2014 Walk to Cure Arthritis Medical Honoree.

**About the Arthritis Foundation**

The Arthritis Foundation ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.