Paediatric Systemic Lupus Erythematosus at a Jamaican Referral Hospital

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OBJECTIVE

Describe presenting features, disease activity and outcomes among children with systemic lupus erythematosus.

METHODS

A retrospective review covered children diagnosed at Bustamante Hospital for Children between 2013 and 2022.

RESULTS

Eleven children were included. General symptoms were common at presentation, 45.5% had lupus nephritis and about 64% had high or very high disease activity at diagnosis.

CONCLUSION

Major organ involvement was associated with greater disease severity at presentation.