

# RHEUMATIC DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

## SEPTEMBER 2016

**More than 52.5 million Americans live with painful and debilitating rheumatic diseases** like rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, lupus, gout, scleroderma, and juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Although there is no cure for rheumatic disease, early intervention and access to effective care and treatments can dramatically improve the quality of life for people living with rheumatic diseases.

**September 2016 Is Rheumatic Disease Awareness Month.** Join the **American College of Rheumatology** and **Simple Tasks** as we work to improve the public's understanding of rheumatic diseases and advance the health and well-being of millions of Americans.



**GET INVOLVED!**

- Share Your Story
- Host an Event
- Take a #RheumSelfie
- Contact Your Lawmaker

*And Much More!*