



# MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH

## Please Join Us As We Celebrate **MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH 2019!**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00-8:00PM

**Where:** Room 805- Executive Boardroom  
Hospital for Special Surgery  
535 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

### ***“Reproductive Issues in Myositis and Overview of Sexual Health in Autoimmune Disorders”***

**Lisa Sammaritano, MD**

Associate Attending Physician  
Rheumatology Division, Hospital for Special Surgery

Please join us for this meeting that may be of particular interest to those in their reproductive years. Dr. Sammaritano will briefly discuss sexual health issues in autoimmune disorders. She will then focus on important considerations for optimizing pregnancy in patients with myositis, including planning for pregnancy during periods of quiet disease and using medications compatible with pregnancy and breast-feeding.

Dr. Lisa Sammaritano joined Hospital for Special Surgery in 1988, when she began her fellowship in rheumatic diseases. She maintains a busy clinical practice and participates in research geared toward patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and Antiphospholipid Antibodies. She has a particular interest and expertise in reproductive issues in rheumatic disease patients, including contraception and pregnancy. Dr. Sammaritano is leading the American College of Rheumatology’s development of reproductive health guidelines for patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease.

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*\*\*At this meeting, we are honored to have **Ms. Mary McGowan**, Executive Director, **The Myositis Association** and **Ms. Tricha Shivas**, Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships, **The Myositis Association**. Join us as we celebrate **Myositis Awareness Month 2019\*\****

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**Refreshments will be provided. Please feel free to bring a guest.**  
**Seating is limited, so please reply by May 7th if you plan to attend:**  
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