The Autoimmune Hepatitis Association (AIHA) is a nonprofit that provides education, offers support, and advances research. Led by Craig Lammert, M.D., a hepatologist at Indiana University, the AIHA’s core initiatives include:

- Annual patient conferences
- Virtual support groups
- AIH Connect, our patient registry to drive new research
- Educational videos and webinars

About Us

What is Autoimmune Hepatitis?
Autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) is a chronic disease that occurs when patients’ immune systems attack normal liver cells because they mistake them for foreign agents such as viruses or bacteria. AIH is a rare autoimmune liver disease that affects all ages and ethnicities, but it affects women much more often than men.

While the exact cause of AIH is unknown, scientists believe both genetic factors and environmental exposures cause AIH.

AIH is a chronic disease that is treated long-term, often for life. There is no cure for AIH, but the disease can be controlled through medication. It is not contagious.

Living with Autoimmune Hepatitis
With treatment, most patients don’t need liver transplants and have normal life expectancies. Patients can experience a wide range of symptoms. Most AIH patients are successfully treated with steroids such as budesonide or prednisone and long-term immunosuppressants such as azathioprine.

Access our New Patient Tool Kit

The AIHA is committed to advancing research that leads to new and better treatments for autoimmune hepatitis. We are enrolling patients in AIH Connect, our patient registry, so scientists can learn more about this rare disease and how it impacts patients. Getting started is easy, and you can join the registry from the comfort of your home. To participate, send an email to registry@aihep.org.

The AIHA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions to the AIHA will further our mission of providing education and support and advancing research. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law and can be made at www.aihep.org/donate.

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