

North Carolina Rheumatology Association

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2014 Annual Report

The 2014 year was a busy year for NCRA. Some of the things we accomplished include:

1. Hosted NCRA Annual Conference at a reasonable rate for NC Physicians and NC Fellows.
2. Membership promoted the mission of NCRA regionally and its importance as a platform for NC rheumatologists to meet and connect.
3. Supported Rheumatology Fellows Programs at Duke Medical School, UNC Chapel Hill Medical School, and Wake Forest Medical School through matching contribution to Carolinas Fellows Collaborative. Support also included mentoring and participation in events. Support will continue in 2015 with a donate button on the new NCRA website.
4. Active involvement in issues surrounding rheumatology to ensure patient access to care.
5. NCRA has signed letters regarding the proposed 2015 Medicare fee schedule from the ACR affiliate society council as well as CSRO.
6. NCRA has signed letters regarding Vectra availability.
7. Active involvement on the ACR insurance subcommittee and government affairs committee.
8. Continue to develop relationship between the NCRA and the North Carolina Medical Society.
9. Updated website to allow secure communication and began development of new website that will debut 1/1/15.
10. Support of CSRO through membership.
11. Supported five journal club meetings across the state.
12. Supported attendance of board members at CSRO Advocacy Conference.
13. Supported Lupus Foundation through free display table at our annual meeting.
14. Supported Arthritis Foundation through free display table at our annual meeting.
15. Supported Arthritis Foundation walks/runs through support of board members and membership participation in events.

NCRA 2015 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Corporate Membership Benefits at the Silver level (\$7,500) includes:

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting,
- four (4) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
 - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- four (4) conference notebooks provided at the conference
 - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
 - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- four (4) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting,
- company name on brochure* for annual meeting,
- company name on all correspondence announcing annual meeting after receipt of funds, and
- company name on NCRA website with link to your website
 - currently upgrading website
 - you provide link you would like NCRA to use

Corporate Membership at Gold level (\$10,000) includes:

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting,
- six (6) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
 - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- six (6) conference notebooks provided at the conference
 - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
 - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- six (6) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- fifteen minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting,
- company name and logo on brochure* for annual meeting,
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds,
- company name on NCRA website with link to your website
 - currently upgrading website
 - you provide link you would like NCRA to use

* if contract received by January 10, 2015

Corporate Membership at Ruby level (\$15,000) includes:

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- seven (7) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
 - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- seven (7) conference notebooks provided at the conference
 - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
 - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- seven (7) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- thirty minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on brochure* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
 - currently upgrading website
 - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- one (1) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- two (2) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website

Corporate Membership at Platinum level (\$20,000) includes:

- three (3) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- eight (8) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
 - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- eight (8) conference notebooks provided at the conference
 - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
 - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- eight (8) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- thirty minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on brochure* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
 - currently upgrading website
 - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- membership at this level would support six(6) NCRA managed and promoted journal clubs
- sponsorship of the Saturday reception,
- two (2) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- four (4) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website or emailed to membership by NCRA.

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Corporate Membership at Diamond level (\$30,000) includes:

- three (3) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- ten (10) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
 - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- ten (10) conference notebooks provided at the conference
 - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
 - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- ten (10) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- forty-five minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on brochure* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2015 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
 - currently upgrading website
 - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- membership at this level would allow NCRA to distribute ten (10) \$500 stipends for fellow participation in NCRA annual meeting
- sponsorship of the Friday Lunch with Vendors
- four (4) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- eight (8) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website or emailed to membership by NCRA.

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return) North Carolina Rheumatology Association	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ 501c3	Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 341 S. College Rd, Ste 11 (PMB 2046) City, state, and ZIP code Wilmington, NC 28403	Requester's name and address (optional)
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Tammela A Bulge</i>	Date ▶ <i>11/28/14</i>
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.