

Conference Description

The purpose of this conference is to provide up to date clinically useful information to rheumatologists including the most recent advances and information on the pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of selected rheumatologic diseases.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- employ a more thorough knowledge of underlying disease mechanisms of GCA as well as newer treatment options and be able to provide better care with targeted therapies.
- describe their heightened appreciation for changes of the immune system that occur with aging and then use this knowledge to provide more effective and appropriate treatment for their aging patients.
- employ a stronger understanding of the published guidelines for treating JIA patients, and apply current evidence base guided treatment allowing for more effective treatment of JIA patients.
- more efficiently treat patients with lupus nephritis due to an updated knowledge base which provides a framework for current and future treatment options.
- treat osteoporosis patients due to enhanced ability and increased knowledge of where combination therapy has a role as well as knowledge of phase 2 and phase 3 study findings for new agents.
- implement treatment recommendations to enhance therapy for challenging patients with rheumatic conditions.
- identify key pathologic targets for scleroderma research and treatment options to assist patients in managing this disabling disease and limiting mortality.
- compare traditional oral DMARD with biologic to provide best treatment options for patients with RA.
- treat patients with rheumatoid arthritis with poor response to initial therapy and patients with comorbidity more appropriately and efficiently.

Target Audience

This conference is designed for academic and practicing rheumatologists, their PA's, FNP's and Pharm D's.

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NCRA 2016 Agenda 10.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

Friday, April 8

5pm - 7pm **Registration**
Exhibit Set-Up

Saturday, April 9 (6.5 Credit Hours)

7:00 – 7:45am **Breakfast & Registration**

7:45 – 8:00am **Welcome Remarks**
Sean Fahey, MD

8:00 – 9:00am **Update on GCA**
Cornelia M. Weyand, MD, PhD
Stanford University

9:00 – 10:00am **Immune Aging, How the Immune System Changes with Progressive Age**
Cornelia M. Weyand, MD, PhD
Stanford University

10:00 – 10:30am **Break in Exhibit Hall**

10:30 – 11:30pm **Treating JIA: the new, the good and the ugly**
Laura Schanberg, MD
Duke University Medical Center

11:30 – 12:30pm **Lupus Nephritis: Where Are We and Where Are We Going**
William “Will” Franklin Pendergraft, III, MD, PhD
UNC Kidney Center

12:30 – 1:30pm **Lunch in Exhibit Hall**

1:30 – 2:30pm **Business Meeting**

2:30 - 3:30pm **Update on Osteoporosis: Combination/Sequential Therapy & New Treatments on the Horizon**
Felicia Cosman, MD
Columbia University
Helen Hayes Hospital

3:30 – 4:00pm **Break in Exhibit Hall**

4:00 – 5:30pm **Difficult Cases Panel**
James O’Dell, MD; Felicia Cosman, MD; & Laura Schanberg, MD

5:30pm **Adjourn Educational Session**

5:30 – 6:30pm **Reception**

Sunday, April 10 (4 Credit hours)

7:00 – 7:45am **Breakfast & Registration**

7:45 – 8:00am **Welcome Remarks/Daily Announcements**
Sean Fahey, MD

8:00 – 9:00am **Management and Treatment of Scleroderma in 2016**
Maureen D. Mayes, MD
University of Texas – Houston Health Science Center

9:00 – 10:00am **Fellows Cases**

10:00 – 10:30am **Break in Exhibit Hall**

10:30 – 11:30am **DMARD Combinations in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Lessons from the TEAR and RACAT Trials**
James O’Dell, MD
University of Nebraska Medical Center

11:30 - 12:30pm **Difficult RA**
James O’Dell, MD
University of NE Medical

12:30pm **Adjourn Educational Session**

12:30pm **Lunch and Networking with Colleagues**

Conference Registration

Available on-line at www.ncrheum.org

In order to assure your participation in the meeting, complete the on-line registration no later than March 18, 2016.
To pay by credit card, submit information on-line.

If you wish to pay by check, complete the on-line form, submit, print and mail the email you receive with your check to:

North Carolina Rheumatology Association

Mail to: Tammala Bulger, NCRA, 341 S. College Rd., Ste. 11 (PMB 2046), Wilmington, NC 28403

For additional information call Tammala Bulger at 910-520-0515, fax 910-254-1091 or email tab@reubenallen.com

Hotel Accommodations

Accommodations for the North Carolina Rheumatology Association Annual Meeting can be made through the Ballantyne Hotel. For reservations you may call (704) 248-4000. If you prefer to make guestroom reservations on-line the website link is <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NorthCarolinaRheumatologyAssociation>. To take advantage of our special rate reservations must be made prior to March 18, 2016. Please note once our guestrooms fill we cannot guarantee that our special rate will be available. We suggest making your plans early.

Speakers

Felicia Cosman, MD

Professor of Medicine
Columbia University,
Helen Hayes Hospital,
Medical Director of the CRC & Osteoporosis Specialist
West Haverstraw, NY

Maureen D. Mayes, MD

Professor of Internal Medicine
University of Texas – Houston Health Science Center
Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunogenetics
Houston, TX

James O'Dell, MD

Bruce Professor and Vice Chair Internal Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE

William “Will” Franklin Pendergraft, III, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
UNC Kidney Center
Chapel Hill, NC

Laura E. Schanberg, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Co-Chief, Pediatric Rheumatology,
Duke University Medical Center
Co-Director, Immunology and Inflammation Medicine,
Duke Clinical Research Institute
Chair, Childhood Arthritis & Rheumatology Research Alliance
Steering Committee
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Cornelia M. Weyland, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine
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Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) through the joint providership of South East Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) and North Carolina Rheumatology Association (NCRA). The South East Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) is accredited by the NCMS to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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For special services, assistance, or information call Tammala Bulger at 910-520-0515 or email her at tab@reubenallen.com.

Handouts

NCRA will provide handouts via flash drive at the conference. At the conference there will also be a small notebook listing the sponsors, attendees and a few blank pages for taking notes. Handouts will also be posted on a secure page on the NCRA website. Instructions to access handouts on website will be emailed one week before the conference.



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