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 the participants should be able to:

- apply knowledge of pathophysiology of reactive arthritis to appropriately utilize antibiotics in patient treatment.
- recognize the biology of new RA therapeutics and use these treatments for more effective care of patients.
- develop a differential diagnosis for neurologic complications in SLE and SS to discern whether neurologic symptoms in SLE and Sjogren’s are related to disease activity or previous damage.
- recognize PAH in connective tissue disease and apply appropriate therapy based on severity of disease.
- apply knowledge of the role of genetic shifts in the development of autoimmunity to facilitate discussion of autoimmune disease with patients.
- implement treatment recommendations and enhance therapy for the difficult patient.
- appraise the utility of neuroimaging, CSF studies, and biopsy in differentiating CNS vasculitis from mimics in order to accurately treat patient.
- utilize knowledge of Hepatitis C to safely treat patients with Hepatitis C and rheumatic disease.
- introduce similarities and differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10 to ease apprehension regarding transition and allow for focus on patient care.

Target Audience
This conference is designed for academic and practicing rheumatologists, their PAs, FNP’s and Pharm D’s.

NCRA 2015 Agenda
10.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit

Friday, March 20
5pm - 7pm
Registration
Exhibit Set-Up

Saturday, March 21 (7.5 CME Hours)
7:00 – 7:45am
Breakfast & Registration
7:45 – 8:00am
Welcome Remarks
Sean Fahey, MD
8:00 – 9:00am
Reactive Arthritis Updates
John D. Reveille, MD
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
9:00 – 10:00am
RA Therapy Beyond TNF, T cells and B cells
Mark Genovese, MD
Stanford University
10:00 – 10:30am
Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30 – 11:30am
Neurological Complications of Lupus and Sjogren’s
Julius Birnbaum, MD
John Hopkins University, School of Medicine
11:30 – 12:30pm
Pulmonary Hypertension in the Rheumatic Diseases
H. James Ford, MD
University of North Carolina Chapel at Chapel Hill
12:30 – 1:30pm
Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:30 – 2:30pm
History, Genes and Autoimmune Diseases
John D. Reveille, MD
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
2:30 - 3:30pm
Fellows Case 5
3:30 - 4:00pm
Break in Exhibit Hall
4:00 – 5:30pm
Difficult Cases Panel
Leonard H. Calabrese, DO, Mark Genovese, MD, and John D. Reville, MD
5:30pm
Adjourn Educational Session
5:30 – 6:30pm
Reception

Sunday, March 22 (3 CME hours)
7:00 – 7:45am
Breakfast & Registration
7:45 – 8:00am
Welcome Remarks/Daily Announcements
Sean Fahey, MD
8:00 – 9:00am
CNS Vasculitis: Fact vs Fiction
Leonard H. Calabrese, DO
Cleveland Clinic
9:00 – 10:00am
HCV and the Rheumatologists: What you Need to Know
Leonard H. Calabrese, DO
Cleveland Clinic
10:00 – 10:30am
Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30 – 11:30am
Decoding ICD-10
Amiel Tokayer, MD
Private Practice
11:30am
Adjourn Educational Session
11:30 - 11:45pm
Box Lunch Pick-Up
11:45 - 12:45pm
Annual Meeting and Lunch

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 1, 2015.
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 910-528-6515, 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/NCRA2015. To take advantage of our special rate reservations must be made prior to February 27, 2015. Please note once our guestroom fill we cannot guarantee that our special rate will be available. We suggest making your plans early.
Speakers

Julius Birnbaum, MD
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Stanford University
Stanford, CA

John D. Reveille, MD
Linda and Ronny Finger Foundation Distinguished Chair in Neuroimmunologic Disorders
George S. Bruce, Jr. Professor in Arthritis
Director, Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunogenetics
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
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Amiel Tokayer, MD
Rheumatologists
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Accreditation Statement

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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.