

## 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 TNE, T cells and B cells**  
Mark Genovese, MD  
Stanford University  
10:00 – 10:30am **Break in Exhibit Hall**  
10:30 – 11:30pm **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. Reveille, 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](http://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 910-520-0515, fax 910-254-1091 or email [tab@reubenallen.com](mailto: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 fills we cannot guarantee that our special rate will be available. We suggest making your plans early.

## Speakers

### **Julius Birnbaum, MD**

Associate Director, The Johns Hopkins Jerome L. Greene  
Sjogren's Syndrome Center  
Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Rheumatology  
Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine  
Baltimore, MD

### **Leonard H. Calabrese, DO**

Professor of Medicine  
Department of Rheumatology/Immunology/ASO  
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine  
Cleveland, OH

### **H. James Ford, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, Pulmonary Hypertension Program  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

### **Mark Genovese, MD**

James W. Raitt Endowed Professor of Medicine  
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  
Houston, TX

### **Amiel Tokayer, MD**

Rheumatologists  
Private Practice  
Boynton Beach, FL

## Accreditation Statement

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## Disclosure Statement

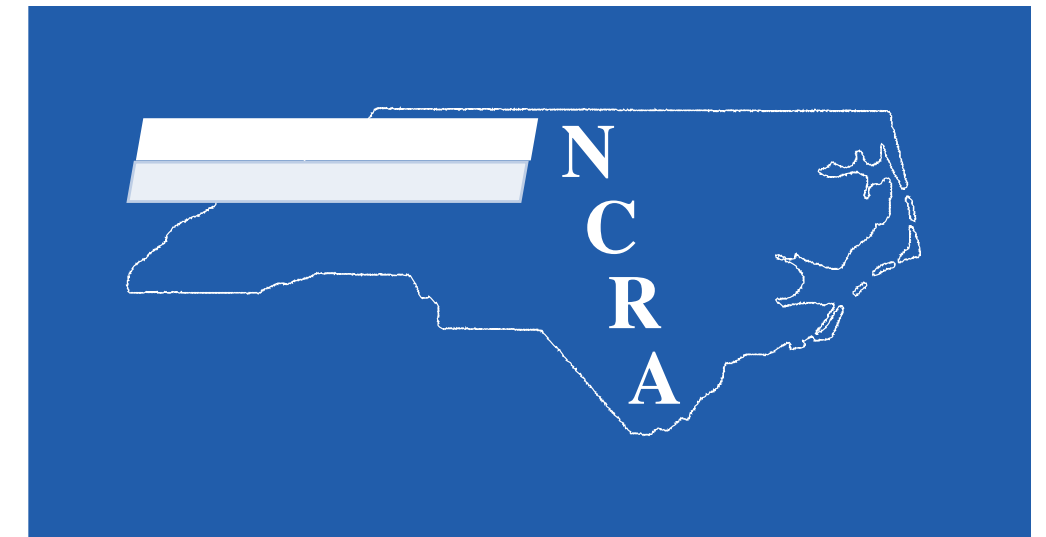
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## Handouts

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.



# North Carolina Rheumatology Association

## 2015 Annual Meeting

March 21 & 22, 2015

Ballantyne Hotel  
Charlotte, NC



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