2016 Update in Rheumatology for Primary Care Physicians

Friday, May 20, 2016
1:00-2:00 pm Registration
2:00-5:00 pm Meeting
6:00-7:30 pm Dinner with Lecture

Saturday, May 21, 2016
8:00 am-5:00 pm

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Learn more about this event and register at www.uab.edu/RheumatologyUpdate or contact Stephanie Ledbetter
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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to:

• Construct an approach to the evaluation of a patient with rheumatic disease and differentiate several patterns that allow diagnosis of rheumatic disease.
• Determine the appropriate use and limitations of laboratory testing and recognize key radiographic findings in patients with suspected rheumatic disease.
• Develop skills and demonstrate proper technique of common joint and bursal injection procedures commonly performed in the clinic.
• Understand the risk factors, clinical manifestations, and diagnosis of gout.
• Understand the clinical manifestations and current treatment options for patients with a seronegative spondyloarthropathy including ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis.
• Understand the rationale for early diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and explain the benefits of early therapeutic interventions in rheumatoid arthritis.
• Discuss the therapeutic options for inflammatory arthritis with emphasis on safety.
• Explain the signs and symptoms of systemic lupus erythematosus and describe the current treatment options for systemic lupus erythematosus.
• Discuss the clinical manifestations and formulate a therapeutic plan for osteoarthritis.
• Describe the etiology of Scleroderma and Myositis and its treatment.
• Understand the etiology of and develop strategies for management of polymyalgia rheumatica and soft tissue rheumatism.
• Discuss the clinical manifestations and current therapies for polymyalgia rheumatica and giant cell arteritis.
• Understand the risk factors, clinical impact, and treatment of osteoporosis.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This continuing medical education course is designed for internists, family practitioners, and health care professionals who are involved in the care of patients with rheumatic diseases.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases remain challenging issues for both primary care physicians and rheumatology specialists. In the U.S., rheumatic diseases are prevalent and are responsible for increased work and functional disability. This course is designed to provide clinicians with up-to-date information regarding the most recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, osteoporosis, soft-tissue rheumatism, polymyalgia rheumatica, systemic lupus erythematosus, seronegative arthritis, systemic sclerosis, myositis, and common injection techniques. This CME and CE accredited activity will assist physicians and health care professionals in developing and maintaining their diagnostic and therapeutic skills regarding rheumatic diseases, thereby leading to improved patient outcomes.

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