Rheumatic diseases continue to be a challenging problem. This CME and CE accredited course is aimed at primary care physicians and nurses and will focus on rheumatological diseases including rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, lupus, osteoporosis, gout, Raynaud’s phenomenon, polymyalgia rheumatica, and soft-tissue rheumatism.

Approved for:
- 8 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits
- ANCC: 9.0 hours
- Alabama Board of Nursing: 7.5 hours

Nurses must bring their nursing license in order to receive CE credit.

Learn more about this event and register at www.uab.edu/RheumatologyUpdate or contact Dr. Maria I. Danila’s office
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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, and Raynaud’s phenomenon. 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.

Program Overview

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CONFERENCE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Discuss the clinical manifestations of and formulate a therapeutic plan for osteoarthritis
- Understand the rationale for early diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and explain the benefits of early therapeutic interventions in rheumatoid arthritis
- Understand the risk factors, clinical manifestations, and diagnosis of gout
- Explain the signs and symptoms of systemic lupus erythematosus and describe the current treatment options for systemic lupus erythematosus
- Understand the risk factors, clinical impact, and treatment of osteoporosis
- Describe the etiology of Raynaud’s phenomenon and its relationship to connective tissue diseases
- Discuss the cutaneous manifestations of rheumatic diseases
- Discuss the therapeutic options for inflammatory arthritis with emphasis on safety
- Understand the etiology of and develop strategies for management of periartitis and soft tissue rheumatism
- Discuss the clinical manifestations and current therapies for polymyalgia rheumatica and giant cell arteritis

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.

Course Format

This seminar will consist of 10 sessions presenting updates on the most recent developments in the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases and their relevance to patient care. Throughout the conference, participants will have the opportunity to interact with a nationally and internationally renowned group of rheumatology faculty. A course syllabus will be provided to serve as a resource during and after the course.

Educational Objectives

AGENDA

Friday, April 27, 2012

5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION
5:55 p.m. WELCOME
S. Louis Bridges Jr, MD, PhD
6:00 p.m. DINNER
6:15-7:00 p.m. OPENING LECTURE: GOUT
Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc

Saturday, April 28, 2012

7:00 a.m. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00-8:45 a.m. CUTANEOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF RHEUMATOID DISEASES
Henry B. Townsend, MD
8:45-9:30 a.m. RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
Maria I. Danila, MD, MSc
9:30-10:15 a.m. TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS: FOCUS ON SAFETY
Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS, MPH
10:15-10:45 a.m. BREAK
10:45-11:30 a.m. SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS
W. Winn Chatham, MD
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. OSTEOARTHRITIS
Laura B. Hughes, MD, MSPH
12:15-1:30 p.m. LUNCH
1:30-2:15 p.m. PERIARTHRITIS AND SOFT TISSUE RHEUMATISM
David M. Spalding, MD
2:15-3:00 p.m. RAYNAUD’S PHENOMENON
Barri J. Fessler, MD, MSPH
3:00-3:15 p.m. BREAK
3:15-4:00 p.m. POLYMIALGIA RHEUMATICA AND GIANT CELL ARTERITIS
Angelo Gaffo, MD, MSPH
4:00-4:45 p.m. OSTEOPOROSIS
Sarah L. Morgan, MD, RD, CCD
4:45-5:00 p.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
CLOSING COMMENTS

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q Residents/Nurses: $75
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