



Rheumatology of the Future

State-of-the-Art Diagnosis, Treatment, and Practice

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FREE CME ACTIVITY – 3 HOURS

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FREE program:
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SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m.– 8:45 a.m.

Registration and
Continental Breakfast
Welcome

8:45 – 9:45

New Diagnostic Methods in
Rheumatic Diseases
Marc D. Cohen, MD

9:45 -10:45

New Treatment Choices
in Rheumatic Diseases
Marc D. Cohen, MD

10:45-11:00

Break

11:00-Noon

Practice Economics and Practice
Building for the Future
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Program Overview

Rheumatology of the Future is a three-part program designed to increase awareness of diagnostic and treatment options and practice economics. In Part I, New Diagnostics Methods, the presenter will discuss new investigative methods for the diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases including MRI, CT Scan, ultrasound, and serological markers with the focus on testing done through the rheumatologist's office. In Part II, New Treatment Choices, the presenter will explain and compare new and emerging therapies for the treatment of rheumatic diseases including RA, Lupus, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing spondylitis, and osteoporosis. In Part III, Practice Economics and Practice Building for the Future will discuss strategies for structuring a rheumatology practice for the future including utilization of ancillary services (i.e., infusion, MRI, physical therapies, bone densities, clinical research, lab, and products), staffing, and compliance with government regulations.

Target Audience

This program is designed for specialists in rheumatology.

Learning Objectives

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

1. Discuss new investigative methods for the diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases including MRI, CT Scan, ultrasound, and serological markers with the focus on testing done through the rheumatologist's office.
2. Evaluate, discuss and compare new and emerging therapies for the treatment of rheumatic diseases including RA, Lupus, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing spondylitis, and osteoporosis.
3. Discuss strategies for structuring a rheumatology practice for the future including utilization of ancillary services (i.e., infusion, MRI, physical therapies, bone densities, clinical research, lab, and products), staffing, and compliance with government regulations.

Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and the National Association for Continuing Education. UMMS is accredited by ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

UMMS designates this continuing medical education activity for 3 credit hours in Category I toward the Physicians Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Under the auspices of the University of Massachusetts Medical School Office of Continuing Education this offering meets the requirements for 3 contact hours, as specified by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (244-CMR 5.04). Each nurse should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spend in the educational activity.

Disclosure

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