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Annual Rheumatology Conference New Perspectives in the Management of the Rheumatic Diseases: Applying Research to Practice September 24, 2005

*Sheraton Boston Hotel
39 Dalton Street
Boston, Massachusetts*



- Earn 6 Category I CME credits
- Hear nationally recognized experts
- Stay abreast of the latest research on Rheumatic Diseases

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OBJECTIVES

The intimate setting of this conference will maximize learning and discussion and will enable rheumatologists to learn first hand from thought leaders in their field. The proposed topics and objectives include:

- describe the factors involved in bone metabolism critical to fracture prevention and its ramifications for therapies
- discuss the integration of the biologic agents and the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and other entities into outpatient practices
- explain the safety, efficacy, and economic issues of biologic therapy
- compare the balance of safety and efficacy with patient needs in the pharmacologic management of arthritis using non-steroidal inflammatory
- discuss the possible role for aggressive non-biologic therapies that are available for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and related entities
- discuss advances in the management of systemic lupus erythematosus
- discuss newer therapies in the treatment of moderate to severe gout

Conference Faculty

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Conference Program

7:45-8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast Welcome—Gerald S. Harris, MD
8:30-9:30	Gout Revisited H. Ralph Schumacher, MD
9:30-10:30	Biologic Therapies: Where Have We Come From and Where Are We Going? Arthur Weaver, MD
10:30-11:00	Morning Break—Tour Exhibits
11:00-12:00	All This and Cox-2 Allan Gibofsky, MD, JD
12:00-1:20	Luncheon
1:20-1:30	Conference Updates
1:30-2:30	New Concepts in Therapy of SLE Robert G. Lahita, MD, PhD
2:30-3:30	Grandma's Shrinking: Current State of the Art in Osteoporosis Gerald S. Harris, MD
3:30-4:00	Afternoon Break—Tour Exhibits
4:00-5:00	Ankylosing Spondylitis: Current Concepts on Pathogenesis and Therapy Sterling West, MD
5:00-5:10	Closing Remarks—Gerald S. Harris, MD