ACR Meetings
Annual Meetings
November 14–19, 2014, Boston
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Broad Appeal: The 2014 ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting
Touches the Hot Topics

Long known as the place to learn, connect, see, and engage in the most important data and debates in rheumatology worldwide, the 2014 ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting, to be held November 14–19 in Boston, will be no exception. In fact, the members of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee believe this meeting will be one of the most appealing and thought-provoking gatherings yet, with a wide range of programs to educate professionals in every segment of the rheumatology field. Anyone who works in rheumatology clinical practice, research, or practice management will find enlightening and practical knowledge at this year’s meeting.

Register to be a part of the annual meeting and you’ll have the opportunity to hear the world’s leading experts discuss the most important issues facing rheumatology professionals and their patients today, including:

- Groundbreaking opening lecture on an integrative approach to the concept of preventive, personalized, and participatory (P4) medicine, by Leroy Hood, MD, PhD, President of the Institute for Systems Biology.
- Exciting journey into innate immunity and inflammation in rheumatic disease, and how innate immunity reacts with external disease triggers, presented by University of California, San Diego Professor Robert A. Terkeltaub, MD.
- The always-provocative Great Debate, this year focusing on the potentially controversial use of belimumab in SLE treatment.
- Healthcare Bounty Hunters, a gloves-off session on practice audits by an expert consultant who will provide practical tips on how to respond to them.
- Rheumatology on the Street, a cutting-edge, frank discussion of the rheumatic disease aspect of illegal drug use.
- Macrophages Gone Wild, an in-depth look at pediatric macrophage activation syndrome and new, effective treatments.
- A timely look at the impact of malignancies, which may complicate rheumatic disease treatment, and how malignancies may even mimic rheumatic diseases.
- Practical tips for rheumatology health professionals on talking with patients about use of alternative and complementary treatments.

Inspired by the host city’s powerful “Boston Strong!” slogan, this year’s Health Professionals track focuses on wellness and resilience, as well as important clinical updates. Keynote speaker Cindy Coney, who has lived with lupus for 30 years, and speaker Monique Gignac, PhD will both offer inspiring ideas for rheumatology practitioners on how to help patients thrive despite their conditions. They will also share tips on how health care workers in all clinical settings can achieve work/life balance and cope with stress in their own lives. Clinical updates will provide busy professionals working in every area of rheumatology care with a deeper understanding of the science behind new treatments. Exciting ARHP sessions will include:

- Great Debate on Low Back Pain. Clinically relevant data on how to treat this common, debilitating condition.
- Statistics and Immunology Boot Camps. Build your knowledge step by step in this series of informative sessions. Great for those involved in clinical trials.
- Alternative Treatments. Explore the latest science behind acupuncture, Tai Chi, popular supplements, and other complementary therapies patients may use.
- RheumChat. Enjoy 4 gifted speakers offering 12-minute, inspiring talks about big ideas affecting rheumatology care today.

To maximize the practice manager’s time at the meeting, an integrated program for practice managers has been created, and special package rates are available. The ACR/ARHP 3-day practice management track provides in-depth training that focuses on practical skills needed to keep rheumatology practices current with medical coding updates, compliance rules, and federal regulations. The program includes 3 full days of training, with interactive classroom discussions on the following critical areas: Coding Course—advanced training on E/M coding and clinical documentation (Friday, November 14); Office Efficiency—tools for your practice to improve compliance and efficiency (Saturday, November 15); Practice Regulations—overview of health care reform changes that impact day-to-day operations of a medical practice (Sunday, November 16).

To experience these and many more educational sessions, as well as workshops, opportunities for fellows to network and interact with experienced rheumatologists, practice management resources, and more, register today for the 2014 ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting, at ACRannualmeeting.org. Boost your knowledge, forge your career path, expand your network, and join the exciting ride to rheumatology’s future!

Education Programs

Bone and Joint Decade World Network Conference.
October 12–13, 2014, London, UK. To register interest in attending this conference, which will be held in partnership with the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance, please e-mail bjdd@cornwall.nhs.uk. Additional information will be available in the near future at www.boneandjointdecade.org.