~AGENDA~

Thursday October 22nd, 2026

Check In- Dinner On Your Own.

5:30pm-6:30pm Pre-Registration for the meeting will be in the ballroom foyer.

Friday October 24th, 2026 Eisenhower Suites B and C

7:00am-8:00am Registration/Breakfast With Industry Partners Please register and get breakfast during this time so we may start the lectures promptly at 8:00am.

8:00am-8:30am Assessing Fracture Risk to Individualize Treatment for Your Patients with Post Menopausal Osteoporosis
Jill S. Vargo, MD

8:30am-9:20am Still's Disease in 2026: Emerging Endotypes, Biomarkers, and Therapeutic Approaches
Dr. Michael Ombrello, MD*

9:20am-10:00am Autoinflammation, Taking the road less traveled
Dr. Amanda Ombrello, MD*

10:00am-10:20am Break- Coffee with our Vendors

10:20am-11:15am Pain and Malaise- Low Alkaline Phosphatase A Review of Hypophosphatasia-
Mary Beth Roberts, MS*

11:15am-11:45am Unveiling New Evidence in PsA Joint Efficacy Be Bold: A Head-To-Head Superiority Trial in PsA
Dr. JB Boone, MD

12:00pm-12:30pm A Clinical Evidence Review of Saphnelo with Doris Remission Data
Dr. Dhiman Basu, MBBS, MD, FACR

12:30pm-1:00pm Break- Visit your Vendors

1:00pm-1:30pm The History, The Present, The Future: Kevzara (Sarilumab) in RA, PMR, & pJIA
Dr. A. Silvia Ross, MD

1:45pm-2:30pm Taking a New Look at Psoriatic Arthritis And its Comorbidities Through the Lens of Tyk2 Inhibition
Dr. Anthony Turkiewiez, MD*

2:30pm-3:15pm Ehler's Danos Syndrome: When to Consider Genetic Testing- Mary Beth Roberts, MS*
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Meeting Adjourned

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. WELCOME RECEPTION WITH VENDORS IN EXHIBIT HALL- Cameo Ballroom

All attendees, speakers, vendors, and guests are welcome.

Saturday October 25th, 2026 Eisenhower Suites B and C

7:00am-8:00am Registration/Breakfast With Exhibitors- Please get your breakfast and be seated in the ballroom so we can begin promptly at 8:00 am. Thank You!

8:00am-8:30am Achieving and Sustaining Remission in Severe ANCA Vasculitis
Dr. Adit Patel, MD

8:30am-9:15am Cellular Therapies in Myositis; Current Evidence and Future Directions
Dr. Rohit Aggarwal, MD*

9:15am–10:00am CSRO Legislative Update
Dr. Harry Gewanter, MD

10:00am-10:15am Break- Visit Your Vendors

10:15am-11:00am Myositis: Change your treatment Strategy
Dr. Rohit Aggarwal, MD*

11:00am-11:45am Recurrent Pericarditis- Beyond The Colchicine and Corticosteroids
Dr. Ben Kalsmith*

11:45am-12:00pm Lunch starts - Please get your plate and return to your seat for the next lecture.

12:00pm-12:45pm Stronger together with Tremfya In Rheumatology and Gastroenterology for Integrated Care
Dr. Mathew Farbman, DO, FACR and Dr. Jennifer Hadam, MD.

12:45pm-1:15pm Break

1:15pm-1:35pm Peroneal Nerve Injury as Manifestation of ANCA Associated Vasculitis
Dr. Kelly Tran, MD* WVU Fellow

1:35pm–2:00pm Dr. Aishwarya Shimpi, MD* WVU Fellow

2:00pm–2:45pm Sjrogren's Disease Update
Dr. Chadwick Johr, MD*

2:45pm–3:30pm Putting our Resources to work for us. Diagnostic tools for Sjogren's Disease
Dr. Chadwick Johr, MD*

Meeting Adjourned

6:00pm-8:00pm VIP Reception

All Attendees and our Diamond Level Sponsors are welcome to attend with their guests. Heavy Appetizers.

Sunday October 26th, 2026 Eisenhower Suites B and C

7:30am-8:30am Breakfast with Exhibitors is served. Please get your breakfast and be seated by 8:00 so we can begin on time.

8:00am-8:45am Case-Based Conversation: Evaluating An Option For Appropriate Patients With Select Rheumatic Conditions
Howard M. Busch DO, FACR

8:45am-9:45am Beyond The Butterfly: Characterizing Cutaneous Lupus
Dr. Rola Gharib, MD*

9:45am-10:00am Break

10:00am-10:45am From Refractory to Resolved: Rethinking uncontrolled Gout in 2026.
Dr. Amar Majjoo, MD*

10:45am-11:30am Skin Deep: Navigating Skin Cancer Risk In Rheumatology Patients.
Dr. Rola Gharib, MD

Meeting Adjourned

~SPEAKER BIOS~

Dr. Amar Majjhoo, MD

Dr. Amar Majjhoo, MD is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University and Oakland William University. He practices at Shores Rheumatology, PC. He earned his medical degree in 1998 from Wayne State University and completed his residency at St. John Hospital, followed by fellowship training in geriatrics and rheumatology in 2005. He has led various clinical trials, been a guest lecturer at conferences, and received multiple awards. He is involved with several organizations and focuses on treating gout, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriatic arthritis.

Dr. Mary-Beth Roberts, MS, CGC

Dr. Mary-Beth Roberts, MS, CGC is a genetic counselor with the Center for Personalized Genetic Healthcare at Cleveland Clinic, where she specializes in kidney and general genetics. She has extensive experience in the clinical evaluation and interpretation of genetic results of individuals and families with inherited disorders and is actively involved in multidisciplinary care, education, and research. Ms. Roberts is a frequent lecturer on genetic conditions and their clinical implications, with particular expertise in hereditary kidney diseases and the adult presentations of hypophosphatasia.

Dr. Rohit Aggarwal

Dr. Aggarwal is a professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and the medical director of the Arthritis and Autoimmunity Center at UPMC. He co-directs the UPMC Myositis Center and leads the myositis fellowship program. His research focuses on inflammatory muscle diseases, particularly myositis and related lung disease. He is an independent clinical investigator with funding from NIH and other sources, leading international collaborations and clinical trials. He has a strong publication record and has gained recognition for his work. He also developed the Myositis Clinical Trial Consortium to support global myositis clinical trials.

Dr. John Boone

Dr. John Boone is a proud native of Versailles, KY. He performed his undergraduate studies at Centre College in Danville, KY, graduating with a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He received his M.D. at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville. He completed both his residency in Internal Medicine and subsequent fellowship in Rheumatology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. He has published research in systemic lupus erythematosus, lupus nephritis and bone health, and has presented his work multiple times at the American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting.

Dr. Howard M. Busch, D.O., F.A.C.R.

Dr. Howard M. Busch founded the Family Arthritis Center in 1987 and has built a tremendous following through his diagnostic skills and compassionate treatment of his patients. In addition, he is the Founder and President of AARA and holds 5 patents. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York, followed by his medical studies at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology. He performed his internship at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia, followed by a Medical Residency at Norwalk Hospital, an affiliate of Yale University. He was chosen to be Chief Medical Resident and an instructor at Yale. His Rheumatology Fellowship was completed at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey, where he was awarded the Northeast Regional Fellow Award for Research. He is the author of several articles and was selected to be the Chief Fellow. Dr. Busch is a noted national speaker and is a member of the Speaker's Bureau for numerous pharmaceutical companies. He has been an investigator for numerous clinical trials. His wife Stacey is an active participant in the practice. They have three beautiful daughters and six grandchildren. In his free time, Dr. Busch is an avid swimmer.

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Dr. Dhiman Basu, MBBS, M.D., FACR

Dr. Basu is devoted to providing the highest standard of patient-centered care. His practice focuses on all aspects of Rheumatology, managing patients diagnosed with various Rheumatological conditions including arthritis, autoimmune diseases, pain disorders affecting joints, and osteoporosis, ultrasound-guided procedures, taking care of inpatient consultations, running an IV infusion suite and acting as principal investigator in numerous Rheumatology Clinical Trials. He attended Medical School at Calcutta National Medical College in 1996, His residency at NRS Medical College in 2000 & his fellowship at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2007.

Dr. Rola Gharib, M.D.

Dr. Rola Gharib is a dermatologist at the Dermatology Center for Skin Health in Morgantown, West Virginia, where she delivers exceptional care in a dynamic private practice. As the Director of Clinical Research at the West Virginia Research Institute, Dr. Gharib is a leader in advancing dermatological science, with a particular focus on inflammatory skin conditions. She centers on the development and study of novel therapeutics for skin diseases, and she has served as a principal investigator and sub-investigator for numerous multi-center clinical trials, contributing to ground-breakeat advancement and treament options. She values the long-lasting relationships she builds with her patients, fostering trust and personalized care. Outside of her professional life, she enjoys exploring new cuisines through cooking and traveling, experiences that enrich her perspective and connection with others.

Dr. Ben Kalsmith

Dr. Benjamin Kalsmith graduated from the University of Vermont and received his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He continued his medical training at Tufts Hospital in Boston, MA, where he completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in general cardiology, advanced heart failure and transplant and interventional cardiology.

Dr. Kalsmith joined the Cardiovascular Disease Specialists of Pittsburgh in 2013. His practice specializes in heart failure, echocardiogram imaging, nuclear imaging and interventional cardiac procedures. The majority of his cardiac catheterizations and interventions are performed via the radial artery technique. Dr. Kalsmith is board-certified in cardiovascular disease, internal medicine and interventional cardiology. When not practicing medicine, Dr. Kalsmith enjoys many outdoor activities including skiing, biking, hiking, paddleboarding and golf.

Dr. Amanda Ombrello

Dr. Amanda Ombrello earned her medical degree from Saint Louis University in 2003 and specialized in adult and pediatric rheumatology at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center and Saint Louis University. In 2010, she moved to Bethesda, Maryland, to work with Dr. Dan Kastner at the National Institutes of Health, focusing on autoinflammation research. As head of the clinical team at the National Human Genome Research Institute's Inflammatory Disease Section, she manages care for over 2000 patients with autoinflammatory diseases and has contributed to the discovery of 10 new diseases. Dr. Ombrello also leads efforts to address adenosine deaminase 2 deficiency and is recognized as a leader in her field with invitations to present at national and international meetings.

Dr. Silvia Ross, M.D.

Dr. A. Silvia Ross is cofounder and managing partner of Triangle Arthritis & Rheumatology Associates. She is board-certified in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine. She attended medical school at the Federal University of Paraná in Paraná, Brazil, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at Michael Reese Hospital Medical Center in Chicago, IL. She completed her Rheumatology Fellowship at the combined program between Michael Reese Hospital Medical Center and the University of Chicago.

Dr. Ross currently serves as the North Carolina Rheumatology Association (NCRA) president. With a passion for advancing women in medicine, she also holds positions as Co-Chair of the AWIR and Local Chapter Leader for AWIR in the Triangle area. In addition, she is on the Planning Committee for the ACR Winter Rheumatology Symposium.

Dr. Jill S. Vargo, M.D.

Jill S. Vargo, MD is a Rheumatologist at Asheville Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center, PA, in Asheville, NC. She is also Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Vargo is a Certified Clinical Densitometrist and served as Co-Director of the Asheville Rheumatology and Osteoporosis Research Associates, PA, from 2003 to 2022.

Dr. Mathew Farbman, DO, FACP

Dr. Mathew Farbman, a locally esteemed physician, was born and raised in South Florida. He is recognized as one of the premier Key Opinion Leaders in the field of Rheumatolgy. Dr. Farbman completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach and his Rheumatology Fellowship at Emory University. Presently, he is practicing at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he has dedicated his expertise in treating patients with inflammatory spondyloarthropathies.

Dr. Kelly Tran, MD

Dr. Kelly Tran is a second year rheumatology fellow at West Virginia University Hospital. She studied at the University of Melbourne in Australia for Medical School. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine a West Virginia University Hospital. Her presentation topic for this event will be on a Common peroneal nerve injury as complication in atypical ANCA vasculitis.

Dr. Anthony Turkiewicz, M.D.

Dr. Turkiewicz works at Rheumatology Associates in Birmingham, Alabama, where he is the Director of the Clinical Research Unit. He earned his Bachelor of Sciences in Biology from Georgetown University, where he also minored in Music, Piano, and Organ Performance. He completed his Residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Rheumatology at Georgetown and the NIH. He won a grant for research on new therapies for psoriatic and rheumatoid arthritis at the NIH. Dr. Turkiewicz participates in several roles with the American College of Rheumatology and is a member of professional organizations like GRAPPA, SPARTAN, and CIS. He has led over 100 clinical trials, published many works, and received numerous awards, including being a Patient's Choice Physician for over 15 years.

Dr. Michael J. Ombrello, M.D.

Michael J. Ombrello, M.D., is an adult and pediatric rheumatologist and Principal Investigator in the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) at the National Institutes of Health. He leads the Still's Disease Clinic at the NIH Clinical Center and directs the Translational Genetics and Genomics Section, where his team integrates human genetics and genomics with functional immunology to understand the molecular basis of Still's disease and related autoinflammatory disorders. His research has helped define the distinct genetic architecture of Still's disease, identify genetic and molecular biomarkers associated with therapeutic response, drug hypersensitivity, and severe disease complications, and uncover mechanisms of immune dysregulation that may enable more precise approaches to diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Ombrello also co-chairs the ClinGen Monogenic Autoinflammatory Disease Working Group and contributes to American College of Rheumatology juvenile idiopathic arthritis treatment guidelines. He has recieved many honors and awards for his work.

Dr. Jennifer Hadam, M.D.

Dr. Jennifer Hadam is a distinguished board-certified physician specializing in both gastroenterology and internal medicine. Bringing 24 years of expertise to her practice, Dr. Hadam is dedicated to addressing a wide range of digestive health conditions while offering comprehensive internal medicine care. Her clinical proficiency covers the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal disorders, ensuring patients receive thoughtful, individualized treatment plans tailored to their unique needs. Dr. Hadam graduated from Ohio State University College of Medicine & Public Health. She is affiliated with Penn Highlands Mon Valley and serves patients at locations in Morgantown, West Virginia, as well as Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania. With her deep knowledge and commitment to excellence, Dr. Hadam helps patients navigate complex digestive system concerns, making a meaningful difference in their health and well-being.

Dr. Harry L. Gewanter, MD, FAAP, MACR

Dr. Harry L Gewanter is a semi-retired pediatrician and pediatric rheumatologist based in Richmond, VA. He graduated from Duke University and Wayne State University School of Medicine, completing his pediatric residency and fellowship training in pediatric rheumatology at the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital. Dr. Gewanter's career encompasses roles as a general pediatrician and a consultant for chronic illness and disability. He has consistently advocated for children, families, and individuals with disabilities, holding leadership positions in various organizations. His accolades include the Earl Brewer Award for Physician Leadership from the Arthritis Foundation, the ACR's Paulding Phelps Award, and being named a Master of the American College of Rheumatology. He co-founded Medical Home Plus, Inc., a nonprofit aimed at supporting families of children with chronic conditions. Dr. Gewanter's commitment to improving the lives of those with disabilities is magnified by his personal experiences as a parent of adult children with chronic issues.

Dr. Aishwarya Shimpi, M.D.

Dr. Aishwarya Shimpi, MD is currently a Rheumatology Fellow at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. She is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Shimpi earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and University Honors at Portland State University, where she graduated summa cum laude. She went on to earn her Doctor of Medicine degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine, where she also completed her residency in Internal Medicine. Dr. Shimpi continued her medical training at WVU for Rheumatology Fellowship and is the current Chief Fellow of the Rheumatology program. She has presented her research at various conferences. Her clinical and academic interests include vasculitis and its systemic manifestations, diagnosis and management of inflammatory arthritis, sarcoidosis, and extra-articular manifestations of systemic connective tissue diseases.

Dr. Evan Siegel

Dr. Siegel, the senior partner at Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates, P.C. since 1989, is the Medical Director of its physical therapy division and specializes in rheumatic diseases, particularly psoriatic arthritis and spondyloarthropathies. He is heavily involved in research, having served on the steering committee of GRAPPA and contributed to various treatment guidelines for psoriatic arthritis. He has also chaired committees for United Rheumatology and the American College of Rheumatology. As a Clinical Professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine, he has been recognized as a Master of the American College of Rheumatology and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Siegel has been honored in multiple publications as a leading rheumatology specialist and has established clinics focusing on rheumatology and gout.

Dr. Chadwick Johr, M.D.

Chadwick R. Johr, M.D., is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where he serves as the Director of the Penn Sjögren's Center and as a Core Faculty member of the Penn-CHOP residency program in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Dr. Johr is a former member of the Sjögren's Foundation Board of Directors, a three-time Penn Pearls awardee, and the 2025 recipient of the Blockley-Osler Award for excellence in clinical teaching.

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