

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



**MARCH 21-23, 2025**

**HYATT PLACE  
CHARLESTON**  
*560 King Street  
Charleston, South Carolina*

*Jointly provided by:  
Medical University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Rheumatism Society*

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## COURSE FACULTY

### PROGRAM CHAIR

**Gregory Niemer, M.D.**

SCRS Program Chair

Articularis Healthcare Group

### GUEST FACULTY

**Jeffrey Curtis, MD, MS, MPH**

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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the conference, learners should be better able to:

- List the clinical stages of Lyme disease and the strategies and pitfalls in its diagnosis
- Review the clinical manifestations, pathophysiology and treatment of Lyme arthritis including treatment refractory arthritis
- Analyze the controversies surrounding Lyme disease including the entity of chronic Lyme disease
- Review clinically relevant anatomy of the hand, wrist and elbow
- Identify on yourself and/or your neighboring colleague key upper extremity anatomic landmarks and functions
- Articulate new insights into and increase satisfaction in caring for the common regional syndromes that affect the hand, wrist & elbow
- Discuss the pathophysiology and clinical presentation of macrophage activation syndrome presenting as a complication of Still's disease
- Select appropriate therapeutic options that potentially can improve patient outcomes in MAS
- Describe the emerging management approaches in MAS targeting the L18 -IFN-gamma axis
- Recognize the emerging clinical patterns of refractory Still's disease in the era of IL-1 and IL-6 inhibiting biologics
- Select appropriate therapeutic options that potentially can improve outcomes in patients with refractory Still's Disease
- Discuss the current theories about the seemingly new chronic parenchymal lung disease presenting as a complication of Still's Disease
- Identify the types of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and their potential applications to clinical medicine
- Recognize the benefits and limitations of AI in use cases where it has been deployed in rheumatology research or clinical settings
- Describe practical examples of AI that may impact a rheumatologists' day-to-day practice
- Review the evidence for tapering and withdrawal of therapies for rheumatoid arthritis
- Recognize the predictors of being able to successfully withdraw treatment
- Evaluate the cost savings associated with treatment withdrawal and recognize implications for cost savings & value-based care

## ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Medical University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Rheumatism Society. The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, anyone involved in planning or presenting this educational activity will be required to disclose any financial relationships with any ineligible companies. An ineligible company is any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Any financial relationships with these ineligible companies have been mitigated by the MUSC Office of CME. Speakers who incorporate information about off-label or investigational use of drugs or devices will be asked to disclose that information at the beginning of their presentation.

## CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Medical University of South Carolina designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 11.75 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participants completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit. For those interested in receiving MOC, the MOC assessment will be held at the end of each day and will last no more than 15 minutes each day.

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## COURSE AGENDA

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 12:15 Registration & Sign-In
- 12:45 Introduction and Overview,  
*Gregory Neimer, M.D., Program Chair*
- 1:00 The IL18 -IFN-gamma axis as a therapeutic target in macrophage activation syndrome in Still's Disease  
*Alexei Grom, M.D.*
- 2:00 Vaccinations in Rheumatology- Time for Prevention  
*John E McKinnon, M.D.*
- 3:00 Break with Exhibitors
- 3:30 Fellow Presentation #1  
*TBA*
- 3:45 Fellow Presentation #2  
*TBA*
- 4:00 Lyme Disease – Still Tricky after all these Years  
*Robert Kalish, M.D.*
- 5:00 MOC Assessment
- 5:10 Meeting adjourns for the day

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:00 Sign-In & Continental Breakfast for Participants
- 7:45 Introduction and Overview,  
*Gregory Neimer, M.D., Program Chair*
- 8:00 Clinical patterns of refractory Still's Disease in the era of biologic therapies, *Alexei Grom, M.D.*
- 9:00 Fellow Presentation #3  
*TBA.*
- 9:15 Roll Up Your Sleeves: A Mini-workshop on Upper Extremity Anatomy, *Robert Kalish, M.D.*
- 10:15 Break with Exhibitors
- 10:35 Artificial vs. Augmented Intelligence for Rheumatology,  
*Jeffrey Curtis, M.D.*
- 11:35 Fellow Presentation #4  
*TBA*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22 CONTINUED

- 11:50 Tapering and Withdrawal of RA Treatments: Implications for Value Based Care, *Jeffrey Curtis, M.D.*
- 12:50 Fellow Presentation #5  
*TBA*
- 1:05 MOC Assessment
- 1:10 Meeting Adjourns for the day
- 1:15 SCRS Business Meeting\* – Open to all Society Members  
\*Non-CME
- 1:45 SCRS Business Meeting Adjourn

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- 7:00 Sign-In & Continental Breakfast for Participants
- 7:30 Introduction and Overview,  
*Gregory Neimer, M.D., Program Chair*
- 7:45 Fellow Presentation #6  
*TBA*
- 8:00 Fellow Presentation #7  
*TBA*
- 8:15 Fellow Presentation #8  
*TBA*
- 8:30 Fellow Presentation #9  
*TBA*
- 8:45 Lupus Nephritis Management Guidelines  
*Diane Kamen, M.D.*
- 9:45 Break with Exhibitors
- 10:00 Fellow Presentation #10  
*TBA*
- 10:15 Fellow Presentation #11  
*TBA*
- 10:30 Update on Systemic Lupus Screening and Treatment  
*Diane Kamen, M.D.*
- 11:30 MOC Assessment
- 11:40 Meeting Adjourns until 2026

\*CSRO Reveal Meeting will be scheduled day and time TBA

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Place Charleston, 560 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403. The conference rate is \$309++ and the room block for Society registrants will be held until Tuesday February 17, 2025.. The room block may fill prior to February 17, 2025 and availability cannot be guaranteed. We suggest you make your reservation as soon as possible. To make your reservation, please call the hotel at 1-800-993-4751 and reference the SC Rheumatism Society Annual Meeting. You can also make your reservations by going to the following link:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHSZH/G-RHEU>

Parking: Valet parking at the hotel is available at \$48.00 plus tax, per day with unlimited in and out privileges. Self-parking is available at \$24.00 per day for a 24-hour period, without in and out privileges. Self-parking is located in the Charleston County Municipal Parking Garage next to the hotel and charges are paid directly to PMC Parking System, which manages the garage. Rates are subject to change with notice.

*Make your hotel Reservation before February 17!*

## REGISTRATION

Annual Meeting Registration fee includes continental breakfasts, breaks, course syllabus and credit processing.

### Registration Methods:

- Online: visit the QR Code to the right
- Telephone: Credit Card Only. Call 843-876-1925.
- Fax: Credit Card only. Secure area. 843-876-1931.
- Mail: Please enclose the Annual Meeting registration form with your credit card information or check payable to "Medical University of South Carolina" to:



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## REGISTRATION

All Medical Care Professionals  
Industry Professionals

### UNTIL 2/7/2025

- \$200
- \$300

### AFTER 2/7/2025

- \$250
- \$350

## SYLLABUS

Please select what type of syllabus you would like for the conference:

- Online Syllabus (Information will be emailed to you a few days prior to the conference so that you may download a copy.)
- Printed Syllabus (No additional charge for the 2025 conference.)

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- Enclosed Check Payable to Medical University of South Carolina
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(Please use ONE of these methods to register. Do not mail if previously faxed or telephoned).

- Mail registration form with check made out to “Medical University of South Carolina” or credit card information to  
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- Complete registration through the QR Code to the right



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A refund will be made upon written request prior to February 21, 2025 less a \$75 cancellation fee. After February 21, 2025, no refunds will be made. We reserve the right to cancel the program if necessary. Full registration fees will be refunded for canceled programs. By registering for this conference, you acknowledge and agree to this cancellation policy.