

The **2018 NCRA Annual Meeting** will provide rheumatologists the opportunity to explore new topics and enhance their knowledge and skills. The meeting and exhibit hall will be in the **Raleigh Convention Center**, which is interconnected to the host hotel the **Raleigh Marriott City Center**, and located in the heart of downtown with walking distance to many off meeting destinations.

Some of the educational highlights of the meeting:

- Dr. Jack Cush sharing with us his approach on difficult to manage RA patients, and the latest on safety of biologics and novel therapies
- Dr. William St. Clair helping us further understand the relatively new topic of IgG4 related disease
- **Dr. John Tesser** sharing data on small molecules **targeted therapy in RA** and updating us on fracture assessment and therapeutics in **osteoporosis**
- Dr. Lisa Christopher-Stine discussing practical ways of assessing and managing inflammatory and non-inflammatory myopathies
- Dr. Frederick Vivino updating us on Sjogren's syndrome, beyond dry eyes and dry mouth and discussing the international classification criteria

 And last but not least, Dr. Madeline Feldman exploring the important topic of prescription drug cost and the central role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) on increasing the costs for our patients.

We will also continue the meeting traditions of:

- The ever-popular session of panel discussion of difficult cases (by Drs. St. Clair, Christopher-Stine and Tesser).
- And, of course, the interesting case presentations by rheumatology fellows from the 3 North Carolina fellowship programs

Come join us to learn, network, and enjoy the vibrant downtown Raleigh with your families and colleagues!

See you there in April 2018!