

## SPEAKERS

**Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH**  
Adjunct Professor Yale University  
Director of Medical Education,  
DIO  
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Research  
Berkshire Medical Center  
President Rheumatology  
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**Elaine Husni, MD\***  
Vice Chair, Dept of Rheumatic  
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Director, Arthritis and  
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Cleveland Clinic

**Firas Kassab, MD, FACR**  
CSRO Board of Director  
Rheumatologist  
South Charlotte Rheumatology  
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**Rekha Mankad, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine,  
Mayo Clinic Rochester  
Director, Women's Heart Clinic  
Director, Cardiorheumatology  
Clinic  
Co-Director, Education, Division  
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**Robert G Micheletti, MD\***  
Associate Professor of Dermatology  
and Medicine  
Perelman School of Medicine,  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA

**George R. Mount, MD, MHPE\***  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Rheumatology Section, VA Puget  
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University of Washington School of  
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Seattle, WA

**Rebecca Sadun, MD, PhD\***  
Associate Professor of Medicine and  
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Duke Rheumatology  
Durham, NC

**Philip Seo, MD, MHS\***  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Johns Hopkins University

**William Yancy, MD MHS FTOS\***  
Interim Chief, Division of General  
Internal Medicine  
Medical Director, Duke Lifestyle and  
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Professor of Medicine  
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\* Indicates they are also speaking in the Interactive Knowledge Sessions.

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To earn your CME credits and/or MOC points you must complete the conference evaluation. There will be a link on the conference mobile app, and the link will be emailed to you after the conference. You must complete by March 29.

## HANDOUTS

Handouts will be included in the conference attendee hub. You will be able to download from the site before the presentation begins.

## INTERACTIVE KNOWLEDGE SESSIONS

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# North Carolina Rheumatology Association

## 2025 Annual Meeting March 15-16, 2025

*The Washington Duke Inn, Durham, NC*



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## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this conference is to provide up to date and clinical information to all providers in the field of rheumatology. This information will include the most recent advances and information on the pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of selected rheumatological diseases.

## OBJECTIVES

At the end of this educational activity participants will be able to:

- Discuss diagnostic and treatment approaches for patients with large vessel vasculitis including refractory and recurrent disease.
- Describe clinical advances in the field of rheumatology over the past year.
- Recognize psoriatic arthritis disease manifestations and up to date approach to treatment.
- Explain key concepts in evaluation and management of spondyloarthropathies.
- Recognize signs of cognitive bias in treating patients.
- Discuss ocular manifestations and management in rheumatic diseases.
- Describe key differences between JIA and adult-onset arthritis (including anterior uveitis and risk of TMJ involvement), and recognize the importance of strategies that help pediatric rheumatology patients smoothly and successfully transition from pediatric to adult rheumatology.
- Identify cutaneous manifestation of rheumatic diseases in diverse populations.
- Recognize impact of obesity in rheumatic diseases and formulate treatment options.
- Discuss the elevated cardiac risk factors in patients with rheumatic diseases and select the appropriate diagnostic and screening tests to maximize cardiac health in the rheumatic diseases.
- List advocacy organizations and recognize the importance of a collaborative approach to promote better patient care.
- Recognize some of the rare diseases and rare manifestations of rheumatic diseases, as well as treatment approaches to such cases.
- Demonstrate how to address and treat more complicated patients within specific areas of rheumatology, including patients who are refractory to treatments, and patients with challenging diagnostic dilemmas.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15 (6.5 hours)

7:00am – 7:45am	<b>Breakfast in Exhibit Hall</b>
7:45am – 8:00am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>A. Silvia Ross, MD</i>
8:00am – 8:45am	<b>Practical Dermatology for Rheumatologists</b> <i>Robert G Micheletti, MD</i>
8:45am – 9:30am	<b>Transition of Care Concerns in JIA: How They Never Lose Their ‘J’</b> <i>Rebecca Sadun, MD, PhD</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	<b>CSRO and NCRA 2025 Federal and State Advocacy Update</b> <i>Firas Kassab, MD FACR</i>
10:00am – 10:30am	<b>Break in Exhibit Hall</b>
10:30am – 11:15am	<b>Cognitive Bias</b> <i>Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH</i>
11:15am – 12:00pm	<b>Interactive Knowledge Session</b> <i>See insert for topics and speakers.</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00pm – 1:45pm	<b>The Eyes Have It: Ocular Manifestations in Rheumatic Disease</b> <i>George R. Mount, MD, MHPE</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	<b>Psoriatic Arthritis: Are you managing your patient effectively?</b> <i>Elaine Husni, MD</i>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	<b>Break</b>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Business Meeting</b>
3:30pm – 4:15pm	<b>Update in Vasculitis</b> <i>Philip Seo, MD, MHS</i>
4:15pm – 5:00pm	<b>Interactive Knowledge Session</b> <i>See insert for topics and speakers.</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>Reception &amp; Poster Session</b>

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16 (4 hours)

7:00am – 7:45am	<b>Breakfast in Exhibit Hall</b>
7:45am – 8:00am	<b>Welcome</b>
8:00am – 8:45am	<b>Year in Review</b> <i>Philip Seo, MD, MHS</i>
8:45am – 9:30am	<b>Comprehensive Management of Obesity and Effects on Rheumatic Diseases</b> <i>William Yancy, MD MHS FTOS</i>
9:30am – 10:30am	<b>Fellows Case Presentations</b>
10:30am – 11:00am	<b>Break in Exhibit Hall</b>
11:00am – 11:45am	<b>Cardiovascular Disease in Patients with Rheumatologic Diseases</b> <i>Rekha Mankad, MD</i>
11:45am – 12:30pm	<b>Axial Spondyloarthritis Therapy: Biomarkers, Biologics, and Beyond</b> <i>Elaine Husni, MD</i>

## REGISTRATION

Available online at [ncrheum.org](https://www.ncrheum.org)

In order to assure your participation in the meeting, complete the online registration no later than March 7, 2025.

To pay by credit card, submit the information online when you register. If you wish to pay by check, complete the online form, choose offline/other payment method. Print the confirmation email you receive and mail with your check to:

North Carolina Rheumatology Association  
341 S. College Rd., Ste 11 (PMB 2046)  
Wilmington, NC 28403

For additional information, call Tammala Bulger at 910-520-0515.

### Hotel Accommodations

Accommodations for the North Carolina Rheumatology Association Annual Meeting can be made through the Washington Duke Inn. For reservations call 1-919-490-0999 and request the North Carolina Rheumatology Association Annual Conference March 2025 guest room block. Reservations may also be made online.

To take advantage of our special rate reservations must be made prior to 5pm on February 20. Please note once our guestrooms fill, we cannot guarantee that our special rate will be available.

*We suggest making your plans early.*