2016 Annual Meeting
March 4 – 5, 2016
The American Club
Kohler, Wisconsin

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GREETINGS TO ALL WISCONSIN RHEUMATOLOGY PROVIDERS,

I strongly encourage all of you to attend the Wisconsin Rheumatology Association (WRA) 2016 Annual Meeting. We will truly have something of interest for everybody. There will be scientific and clinical sessions given by nationally known experts in rheumatology on such important topics as:

- New rheumatology drugs in the pipeline that will soon be available at a specialty pharmacy near you.
- The latest in progressive systemic sclerosis.
- The basic science of rheumatoid arthritis.

We will also have sessions on advocacy at the state and federal levels.

Specifically for our trainees, but appropriate for everybody, there will be a session given by Dr. James Dahle on the crucially important topics of how to plan, develop the best strategies for, and to manage your finances and your investments to insure a healthy financial future all the way through retirement. NOW IS THE TIME TO START!!! We physicians become very good at providing our patients the very best care we can, but many of us have a limited business and investment IQ. I have heard Dr. Dahle give this talk and I am convinced that EVERY MEDICAL STUDENT, INTERN, RESIDENT AND RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOW NEEDS TO ATTEND THIS SESSION!!!!

Since registration for the meeting is free for trainees and medical students, this is the best deal of the year!

To the program directors in Wisconsin, we ask that you strongly encourage your trainees to attend the meeting.

To top it off, all of this incredibly good content is offered at very reasonable rates at one of Wisconsin’s premiere resorts, the widely renowned American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin. There will be a dinner and other social events, at no extra charge as part of this meeting, with plenty of time for networking with colleagues and industry representatives. Sadly, I cannot promise good golfing weather in early March for 18 holes on Whistling Straights.

Finally, I invite you to join the WRA. Membership is open to all health professionals interested in rheumatology, irrespective of your educational degree. A WRA lifetime membership costs only $75 and there are no annual dues.

Please support the WRA by attending the 2016 Annual Meeting, and we look forward to seeing you in March.

Best Regards,

Daniel G. Malone, MD, RMSK
President of Wisconsin Rheumatology Association
Educational Needs
A better understanding of the pathogenesis and risk factors for SSc is needed in order to develop more effective therapies, as well as accurate diagnosis and classification. Many studies examining genetic risk, molecular pathways and targets are yielding an improved picture of systemic sclerosis and its mechanisms.

Recent trials have yielded promising indications for efficacy of selected interventions for SSc. In particular, recent randomized clinical trials have examined immunomodulatory treatments and autologous stem cell therapy in the context of SSc skin and lung disease. Early recognition, accurate risk stratification and targeted intervention are effective in ameliorating symptoms, slowing progression, and improving outcomes for many aspects of SSc.

Biologic agents used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) can result in an increased overall risk of both bacterial and opportunistic infections, malignancy, hyperlipidemia and bone marrow toxicity, among others. Physicians need to be aware of the approved biologic and small molecule medications for the use in RA as well as the required monitoring and precautions when treating RA patients with biologic and small molecule medications.

Educational Objectives
At the conclusion of the WRA 2016 Annual Meeting, attendees should be able to:

1. Explain key genetic studies and their relevance to scleroderma.
2. Describe how cell based and animal model studies might help to identify more effective and targeted therapies for SSc.
3. Explain current approaches to diagnosis and classification of SSc.
4. Employ evidence based approaches to management of SSc.
5. Explain monitoring and precautions when treating RA patients with biologic and small molecule medications.
6. Describe the basic structure of government policies, especially as they pertain to rheumatologic disease.
7. Explain legislative trends regarding practice management and private payer reform of impact to the medical community and rheumatologists throughout the country and related proposals in Wisconsin.
8. Formulate a more thorough understanding of practice management and administrative simplification measures, including uniform prior authorization forms, fair contracting and insurance transparency, and how they will impact practice management and patient care.
9. Identify the most recent legislative updates from the Wisconsin Medical Society, the State and Federal governments.
10. Identify the most expensive components of physician choices in providing patient care.
11. Identify new strategies to avoid insurers trying to micromanage their clinical practice.
12. Recognize the responsibility of insurers to share resource use information with care teams, and realize that working WITH the payers instead of against them is the surest way to minimize overburdening paperwork, denials, prior authorizations etc.
13. Describe several options for dealing with a large student loan burden.
14. Identify how to obtain unbiased financial advice and an appropriate price to pay for it.

Accreditation

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION

Accreditation:
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American College of Surgeons and the Indiana Urologic Association, Inc. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™:
The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses and other healthcare professionals will receive a Certificate of Attendance. For information on the applicability and acceptance of Certificates of Attendance for educational activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME, please consult your professional licensing board.

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Special Assistance
We encourage participation by all individuals. If you have a disability, advance notification of any special needs will help us better serve you. Call (847) 517-7225, if you require special assistance to fully participate in the meeting.
FRIDAY, MARCH 04, 2016

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Registration/Information Desk Open  
Location: Great Bay Foyer

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Board of Directors Meeting/  
Industry Round Table  
Location: Marquette Bay

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Exhibit Hall Open  
Location: Great Bay

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

5:00 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.  Opening Remarks  
WRA President:  
Daniel G. Malone, MD, RMSK

5:05 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Keynote Lecture:  
New Rheumatology Drugs in Pipeline  
John Varga, MD  
Northwestern University Medical School

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception with Exhibitors  
Location: Great Bay

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  Annual Dinner  
Location: TBD

WRA is currently looking for an exciting off site venue to host the Annual Banquet and will make an announcement to the membership as soon as the location has been finalized.

SATURDAY, MARCH 05, 2016

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Registration/Information Desk Open  
Location: Great Bay Foyer

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Exhibit Hall Open  
Location: Great Bay

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.  Opening Remarks

8:35 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Progress Systemic Sclerosis  
John Varga, MD  
Northwestern University Medical School

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Advances in RA Therapy  
John J. Cush, MD  
Baylor Research Institute

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Networking Session in Exhibit Hall  
Location: Great Bay

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  *Pearls in Personal Finance & Investing  
James M. Dahle, MD, FACEP  
The White Coat Investor, LLC  
*NOT CME Accredited

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch on own

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Insurance Issues/Advocacy  
Timothy Bartholow, MD  
WEA Trust Insurance Company

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  Break

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Annual Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  *ACR Research Update  
Daniel K. Wiseman  
Rheumatology Research Foundation  
*Not CME Accredited

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  State & Federal Advocacy Updates

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Arthritis Foundation Update  
Lori Obluck, BA  
Arthritis Foundation

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  ACR Advocacy Update  
Adam Cooper  
American College of Rheumatology

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Wisconsin Medical Society State Advocacy Update  
Chris M. Rasch  
Wisconsin Medical Society

4:00 p.m.  Meeting Adjourn

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Statements, opinions and results of studies contained in the program are those of the presenters/authors and do not reflect the policy or position of WRA nor does WRA provide any warranty as to their accuracy or reliability.
Please select the category that best describes your status:

- Rheumatologist
- Resident
- Physician
- Fellow
- Non Physician Provider
- Student/Trainee
- Researcher
- Industry Employee
- Full Time Administrator
- Other Medical Professional

How did you hear about this conference? (Check all that apply)

- Email
- Registration Brochure Mailer
- Website
- Word of Mouth/Colleague
- Calendar/Monthly Listing

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1. Are you a member of the American College of Surgeons?  
   - Yes
   - No

2. If you are an ACS member, please enter your member ID to expedite your CME processing:

Please Print Clearly

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Degree(s): ____________________________  Badge First Name: ____________________________

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   - Home
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**MEETING REGISTRATION**

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**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE:**

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**Additional Tickets**

Spouse/guest(s) are welcome to attend both the Welcome Reception and Annual Banquet complimentary. Please pre-register as space is limited.

- Spouse: ____________________________  Badge First Name: ____________________________
- Guest: ____________________________  Badge First Name: ____________________________

**Industry Registration for Annual Meeting Only**

**Industry Employee - Supporting**

Industry Employee whose company is already supporting WRA OR Industry Medical Science Liaison (Proof of MSL Title may be required before confirmation of registration)  
$175

**Industry Employee – Non-Supporting**

Industry Employee whose company is NOT already supporting WRA  
$1,250

Your submission will need to be approved prior to confirmation of your registration. Approval may be based on current Industry support. To find out if your company is currently supporting WRA please contact Brittany Kallman in the Registration Department at (847) 264-5963 or by email at brittany@wjweiser.com.

See next page for payment information
PAYMENT INFORMATION
The Wisconsin Rheumatology Association requires full payment for registration fees by check or credit card.

- Check (payable to the WJ Weiser Meetings)
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express

Please note: If paying by credit card, the name WJ Weiser & Associates (the management company of the WRA) will appear on your statement.

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PHONE REGISTRATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. Acceptable registration methods include:

- By Fax: (847) 517-7229
- By Mail: WRA, Two Woodfield Lake, 1100 E Woodfield Road, Suite 350, Schaumburg, IL 60173
- Online: wi-rheum.org

If paying by check, please forward payment to:
Wisconsin Rheumatology Association (payable to the WJ Weiser Meetings)
Attn: Registration
Two Woodfield Lake
1100 E Woodfield Road, Suite 350
Schaumburg, IL 60173

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Executive Office of the WRA manages registration for the WRA 2016 Annual Meeting. Please call the WRA office at (847) 517-7225 if you have any questions.

WRA Registration Fee Includes:
- Entrance to scientific sessions
- Program materials
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception
- One ticket to the Annual Dinner
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Breaks

Registration Cancellation and Refund Policy
Registration refund requests must be submitted in writing to the WRA Executive Office no later than 1/29/2016. All refund requests will be subject to a $10 processing fee. No refunds will be made after 1/29/2016.

Special Needs
For accommodations on the basis of disability or special dietary needs, please call (847) 517-7225.

Questions
Contact the WRA Executive Office by:
Phone: (847) 517-7225
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Email: wra@wjweiser.com
Website: wi-rheum.org
GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Registration/Information Desk Hours
Location: Great Bay Foyer West
Friday, March 4, 2016 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 2016 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours
Location: Great Bay Ballroom
Friday, March 4, 2016 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 2016 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The American Club
419 Highland Drive
Kohler, WI 53044
Main: (920) 451-2111
Website: www.americanclubresort.com

Room Rate: $159.00
Hotel Deadline: January 29, 2016
Reservations: (855) 209-5679

Room Rate
WRA has negotiated a discounted rate of $159.00 plus 6% resort fees and taxes at The American Club. Resort fee includes access to the Sports Core Health and Racquet Club, valet parking, underground and surface parking, business center access, wireless internet, gaming systems, morning coffee and afternoon tea in the library.

Hotel Deadline
The deadline to receive the WRA group rate is January 29, 2016. WRA encourages you to make your reservation early, as the hotel and discount block may sell out before this date. After this date, reservations will be accepted based on availability and higher rates may apply.

Reservations
Attendees are responsible for making their reservations by calling the hotel at (855) 209-5679. Please ask for the WRA 2016 Annual Meeting and reference #82F28H to receive the discounted rate.

Hotel Deposit and Cancellation Policy
All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit. These deposits are fully refundable if the hotel is notified by 11:00 a.m. three days prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained. All reservations will be assessed a $25.00 cancellation fee per reservation. Changes in arrival and departure dates require three days advance notice prior to your arrival date.

EVENING FUNCTIONS

WRA Welcome Reception
Date: Friday, March 4, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Great Bay Ballroom
Attire: Casual
WRA welcomes its members to the 2016 Annual Meeting. Attendees can connect with fellow WRA members and mingle with exhibitors while enjoying appetizers and drinks. One ticket is included with registration. Spouse/guest(s) are welcome, but require pre-registration on the registration form.

WRA Annual Dinner
Date: Friday, March 4, 2016
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: TBD
Attire: Casual
In addition to the Welcome Reception, this year's Annual Meeting will feature an annual dinner. One ticket is included in WRA meeting registration. The Annual Dinner is complimentary but requires RSVP as space is limited. Spouse/guest(s) are welcome, but require pre-registration on the registration form. This dinner is an ideal opportunity to mingle and network with fellow rheumatologists.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Parking
The American Club offers complimentary self-parking as well as complimentary shuttle service around the village of Kohler.

Airport Information
Milwaukee, WI (Approximately 60 miles, 1 hour)
General Mitchell International Airport
The American Club is conveniently situated two-thirds mile west of Interstate 43 in east central Wisconsin, and transportation from airports in nearby cities can easily be arranged. Kohler is located one hour north of Milwaukee (60 miles), one hour south of Green Bay (60 miles) and two hours north of Chicago (140 miles).
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