Physicians Like You Choose Rheumatology and ACR Membership
Make a difference by selecting rheumatology as your subspecialty...

Fifty million Americans are waiting for you to choose rheumatology as your subspecialty, and the American College of Rheumatology is here to help you make the choice.

What is Rheumatology?
Rheumatology includes the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of over 100 complex and interesting diseases, including autoimmune diseases, arthritis, and musculoskeletal conditions. Rheumatologists care for a wide array of patients—from children to senior citizens. They also see inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and scleroderma and common musculoskeletal diseases like osteoarthritis and osteoporosis.

The Life of a Rheumatologist
- Flexible lifestyle
- Exciting research opportunities
- High demand and competitive compensation
- Rewarding long-term patient relationships
- Huge impact on quality-of-life issues
- Variety of fellowship opportunities
...and the ACR as your primary professional association.

The ACR invites you to apply for membership!
The American College of Rheumatology is the largest professional organization of physicians, scientists and health professionals devoted to the study and treatment of the rheumatic diseases. Membership connects you to the best in the field, keeps you updated on the latest research and issues affecting rheumatology, and provides you educational resources that are unmatched. Join the ACR and enjoy member benefits designed specifically to advance your career and provide you the best in professional education.

**Member benefits for Resident members include:**
- Online subscriptions to *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, *Arthritis Care & Research*, *The Rheumatologist*, *Drug Safety Quarterly* and Hotline.
- Rheumatology Morning Wire, a daily e-mail digest of the most important news stories covering a wide range of topics, specifically selected for rheumatologists.
- Professional Education Discounts to ACR meetings, including free registration for the ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting. Other meetings include Winter Rheumatology Symposium, State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium, Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium, Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification Course and the Rheumatology Research Workshop.
- Product discounts such as free access to the Rheumatology Image Bank and reduced rates for ACR SessionSelect.
- Member access to the ACR Career Center, where you can access job listings, a resume builder, and other job-search tools.
- Access to awards and grants through the ACR Research and Education Foundation.

Membership in the ACR is based on licensure, certification levels, and areas of interest, among other requirements. See the back cover for application information.
I chose rheumatology to make a contribution

I decided to become a rheumatologist the beginning of my fourth year of medical school. I had just completed my cardiology rotation and every patient had chest pain. Cardiologists were most excited by the unusual patient with rheumatic fever or systemic lupus erythematosus. I realized that the interesting patients for the other internal medicine subspecialties were those with rheumatic diseases. My rheumatology professors were great teachers, but they were honest. They were willing to admit that a host of questions remained to be answered. I was intrigued by a subspecialty that did not have all the answers, where a young investigator could make a contribution. While a number of major advances have been made in rheumatology over the last five years, a number of questions remain unanswered. Thus, the possibilities for a young physician to make a major advance in the field are as great now as they were then.

David Borenstein, MD
President, American College of Rheumatology

Clinical Professor of Rheumatology, The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington DC, and Partner, Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates
ACR Member Benefits – Publications & Updates

ACR members receive a variety of publications, updates and breaking news through their memberships. Resident and Medical Student members receive the following:

ACR Journals
Online subscriptions to the ACR journals—Arthritis & Rheumatism and Arthritis Care & Research.

The Rheumatologist
The Rheumatologist—a monthly newsmagazine that focuses on news, trends and issues instrumental in shaping rheumatology.

Rheumatology Morning Wire
Rheumatology Morning Wire—a digest of the most important news selected from thousands of sources on a wide range of topics of interest to rheumatologists. Morning Wire is free and delivered to your inbox each morning.

ACR Hotline
The ACR Hotline—a succinct, balanced, timely, evidence-based review of novel information relevant to rheumatologists and allied rheumatology professionals before it is readily available from other sources, such as peer-reviewed literature.

Drug Safety Quarterly
Drug Safety Quarterly—news, insights and critical reviews of safety issues germane to anti-rheumatic therapy.
ACR Member Benefits – Professional Education & Career Resources

Resident and Medical Student members have access to a variety of educational meetings and products, as well as resources in the ACR Career Connection service.

Educational Meetings
Resident members receive free registration for the ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting each year, and enjoy substantial discounts for other meetings offered during the year, including the Winter Rheumatology Symposium, State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium, Pediatric Rheumatology Symposium, Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification Course and the Rheumatology Research Workshop.

SessionSelect
The SessionSelect digital library offers an archive of conference recordings from past ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meetings allowing you to view the presentations just as though you were in the room. Meeting attendees receive free online access. Other courses, including the Rheumatology Maintenance of Certification course, are available for a fee.

Rheumatology Image Bank
The Rheumatology Image Bank is the most comprehensive online collection of rheumatology-related images in the world. Serving as a centralized resource for clinicians, researchers and health care professionals, it provides invaluable assistance in self-study or the education of others. Image downloads are free to ACR members.

Need Help Charting your Career?
Your journey into rheumatology fellowship is an important time in your life to develop the foundation for your future. While each individual’s plans are unique, we’ve designed a roadmap based on insights and guidance from academic leaders and investigators, practitioners, and fellows in rheumatology.

Visit www.rheumatology.org/education/training/fellows/roadmap.asp to get started today.
As a first year medical student, I spent hours in front of the textbooks without having a true understanding of clinical medicine. The ACR Research and Education Foundation preceptorship experience allowed me to appreciate the reasons I actually wanted to go into medicine. Furthermore, it opened my eyes to the realm of rheumatology and has stimulated my interest in wanting to pursue it. I am also thankful to my preceptor, Dr. Wright [Dowain Wright, MD, PhD], who has helped me develop a foundation in clinical medicine that I will continue to build on.

Chirag Vora, MS

2009 ACR REF/Abbott Medical Student Clinical Preceptorship
ACR Member Benefits – Awards & Grants

Residents and Medical Students have access to a variety of awards and grants designed to encourage excellence in rheumatology.

Residents are eligible for:

ACR REF/Ephraim P. Engleman Endowed Resident Research Preceptorship
Interested in a rheumatology research career? Apply for this preceptorship for an intensive research experience over three months. Recipients will receive project funding of up to $15,000.

ACR REF/Abbott Medical and Pediatric Resident Research Award
This award recognizes residents who have authored or co-authored an abstract. Residents can receive an award of $750 and reimbursement of up to $1,000 to cover travel expenses to the ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting.

ACR REF/Amgen Pediatric Rheumatology Research Award
Did you submit an abstract to the annual meeting? If so, consider applying for this award to receive $1,000 and reimbursement of up to $1,000 to cover travel expenses to the annual meeting.

Medical and Graduate Students are eligible for:

ACR REF/Abbott Medical Student Clinical Preceptorship
This award allows students to spend four to eight weeks in a rheumatology practice. Students receive a $1,500 stipend per four-week session and are eligible for complimentary registration and a travel reimbursement to attend the annual meeting.

ACR REF/Abbott Medical Student Research Preceptorship
This award supports an eight-week research experience. Students receive $3,000 and are eligible for complimentary registration and a travel reimbursement to attend the annual meeting.

ACR REF/Abbott Medical/Graduate Student Achievement Award
This award recognizes medical or graduate students by providing an opportunity for students who have authored or co-authored an abstract to attend the annual meeting. Recipients receive $750 and a travel reimbursement to attend the annual meeting.

Visit www.rheumatology.org/REF for details.
Have you considered pediatric rheumatology?

Nearly 300,000 American children suffer from rheumatic diseases and it is estimated that one child in every 1,000 will develop some form of rheumatic disease. Pediatric rheumatology is a relatively new field and is moving from experienced-based to an evidence-based practice. Pediatric rheumatologists have the challenge of caring for these children with severe illnesses with the long range goals of normal physical and emotional growth and development. Most pediatric rheumatologists provide care in academic settings with opportunities for research.

"Pediatric rheumatologists are often the “Sherlock Holmes” of the hospital faced with intriguing diagnostic dilemmas. Although one of the best moments in medicine is making the correct diagnosis, the joy of a child feeling better and being able to go back to being a kid is even better."

Marisa Klein-Gitelman, MD, MPH
Children’s Memorial Hospital
Northwestern University
The ACR has a membership group specifically designed for Residents and Medical Students. For more information about membership and the forms you’ll need, visit www.rheumatology.org/membership.

The application process is easy …

- Complete and return an application for membership.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from current ACR members with your application.
- Pay the first year’s dues of $25.

Questions?
Contact the membership department at membership@rheumatology.org or 404-633-3777.

The ACR is the premier society for rheumatology, offering a wide range of benefits to help those starting their career in rheumatology, including a subscription to the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, discounts on ACR meetings and products, networking opportunities and more.