State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists

Marriott Marquis
Houston, Texas

2020 Annual Meeting
February 28 - March 1

Program Director
Matthew Mosbacker, MD
The 2020 Star Managers seminar will take you to new places. Everything being presented falls into the category of a hot, new topic:

**Appropriate Use Criteria**
1. All physicians/NPPs ordering Advanced Imaging (MRI, CT for example) must know about Medicare’s “appropriate use criteria.” When ordering these studies, the physician must consult a Clinical Decision Support Mechanism or the test will not be performed. If you provide any advanced imaging (eg, extremity MRI), you need to know the order requirements and how to get paid as you will be considered both the ordering and “furnishing” provider.

**Evaluation & Management**
2. Medicare and other payers continue to audit 99214 and use of Modifier -25. Spend some time learning best practices for documenting within the rules. During this interactive session you’ll be presented with case examples and real life audit results.

3. The AMA & CMS agree, the Evaluation & Management Documentation Guidelines are outdated. As of January 1, 2021, how you choose an office visit code will change fairly dramatically. The good news is that the changes should benefit rheumatologists; however there is work to be done this year to get there.

**Telemedicine**
4. CMS defines telemedicine as services provided by physicians and nonphysician practitioners without being face-to-face with the patient. Certain And, Medicare is creating opportunities for virtual healthcare. This really cost-effective care and education delivered via smartphone, tablet, desktop computer, kiosk. and portals is part of virtual telemedicine services. Join us to learn about virtual visits and what you need to know to get paid.

**Faculty**

Jean Acevedo, LHRM, CHC, CPC, CENTC, AAPC Fellow
President - Acevedo Consulting
STAR 2020 Physician Schedule
(subject to change)

Friday – February 28
8:00 – 9:00 am  2 Breakfast Programs (see Sanctioned Events Schedule)
9:00 – 9:15 am  Opening Remarks and Pre-test
10:15 – 11:15 am  Precision Medicine for Lupus: How Precise is it? - Joan T. Merrill, MD
11:15 – 12:15 am  Lunch in Exhibit Hall
12:15 – 1:15 pm  Difficult RA: 2020 - James R. O’Dell, MD, MACP, MACR
1:15 – 2:15 pm  Rheumatology and the Skin: Pearls for Diagnosis and Management
  - Natalie Wright, MD
2:15 – 3:00 pm  Break in Exhibit Hall
3:00 – 4:00 pm  Psoriatic Arthritis - Philip Mease, MD, MACR
4:00 – 5:00 pm  What’s New in Scleroderma? - Fredrick Wigley, MD
5:00 – 6:00 pm  Badge of Honor Cocktail Reception – guests invited
  6:30 pm  3 Dinner Programs (see Sanctioned Events Schedule)

Saturday - February 29
7:00 – 8:00 am  Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:00 – 9:00 am  Medicine’s Statehouse Achievements in 2019 - David C. Fleeger, MD
9:00 – 10:00 am  The Role of Interventional Pain Management in Rheumatologic Disorders
  - Obaid S. Malik, MD
10:00 – 10:45 am  Break in Exhibit Hall
10:45 – 11:45 am  Food for Thought: Metabolic Interference for Immunosuppression in
  Rheumatoid Arthritis - Cornelia M. Weyand, MD, PhD
11:45 – 12:45 pm  Update in Pediatric Rheumatology - Ankur Kamdar, MD
12:45 – 1:45 pm  Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:45 – 2:45 pm  Rheumatology Jeopardy! - Eric L. Matteson, MD, MPH
2:45 – 3:45 pm  Update on the Management of Knee, Hip and Hand Osteoarthritis
  - C. Kent Kwoh, MD
3:45 – 4:15 pm  Annual Business Meeting
4:15 – 5:15 pm  One Hour Reception - Attendees and guests only
  6:30 pm  3 Dinner Programs (see Sanctioned Events Schedule)

Sunday - March 1
7:00 – 8:00 am  Breakfast Program in Classroom (see Sanctioned Events Schedule)
8:00 – 9:00 am  Long-term Osteoporosis Therapy - What To Do After 5 Years?
  - Michael R. McClung, MD
9:00 – 10:00 am  The Emerging Role of Anabolic Therapies for Osteoporosis
  - Michael R. McClung, MD
10:00 – 10:15 am  Post-test
STAR Annual Meeting Sanctioned Events

**Thursday February 27**
(All sanctioned events are separate from STAR CME Program)

1. **Dinner Program sponsored by Pfizer**
   - **Title:** Exploring Data for a Prescription Treatment Option for Adults with Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis: Focus on a New Methotrexate-Withdrawal Study
   - **Speaker:** Gordon K. Lam, MD, FACR
   - **Time:** 6:30 pm
   - **Venue:** DiVino Italian Restaurant - 1830 W. Alabama St., Houston, TX 77098

**Friday February 28**

1. **Breakfast Program sponsored by Lilly USA**
   - **Title:** Head-to-Head Clinical Trial Data Taltz (Ixekizumab) vs Humira (Adalimumab)
   - **Speaker:** Philip Mease, MD
   - **Venue:** Galveston Room inside Marriott Marquis
   - **Time:** 8:00 am

2. **Breakfast Program sponsored by Sandoz**
   - **Title:** Realizing the Promise of Biosimilars in the United States
   - **Speaker:** Alvin F. Wells, MD, PhD, FACR
   - **Venue:** Liberty Room inside Marriott Marquis
   - **Time:** 8:00 am
   - **RSVP:** Stan Radomski, Jr. - Stanley.radomski@novartis.com

3. **Dinner Program sponsored by Novartis**
   - **Title:** All in the Family: The Features of PsA and axSpA
   - **Speakers:** Hillary Norton, MD & Frank Wellborne, DO
   - **Venue:** Vic & Anthony’s - 1510 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002
   - **Time:** 6:30 pm

4. **Dinner Program sponsored by UCB**
   - **Title:** Disease Diagnosis, Burden of Disease, and Treatment for Psoriatic Arthritis
   - **Speaker:** Aaron Broadwell, MD
   - **Venue:** Pappas Bros. Steakhouse - 1200 McKinney Street, Suite 105, Houston, TX 77010
   - **RSVP:** Josh Rollins – Joshua.Rollins@ucb.com or 409-781-0289

5. **Dinner Program sponsored by Janssen Biotech**
   - **Title:** Legislative Update
   - **Speaker:** Michael Barnard – Director, Federal Affairs Worldwide
   - **Venue:** Xochi inside Marriott Marquis
   - **Time:** 6:00 pm
   - **RSVP:** Matt Hickl - mhickl@its.jnj.com or 281-460-7460
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Saturday February 29

1. Dinner Program sponsored by Mallinckrodt

Topic: ACTHAR and Rheumatoid Arthritis
Speaker: Richard Brasington, MD
Venue: Potente - 1515 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX 77002  Time: 6:00 pm
RSVP: Barton Walker - 281-639-9470 or Bart.walker@mnk.com

2. Dinner Program sponsored by AbbVie

Title: Treating to Remission
Venue: Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen– 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Ste. E., Houston, TX 77010
Speaker: Sharad Lakhanpal, MD  Time: 6:00 pm

3. Dinner Program sponsored by Sanofi Genzyme/Regeneron

Title: IL-6R Inhibition in Rheumatoid Arthritis: The Kevzara Story
Speakers: Anthony Sebba, MD
Venue: Xochi inside Marriott Marquis  Time: 6:30 pm
Invited: Rheumatology HCP’s who treat adult patients (no pediatric rheumatology HCPs)
RSVP: Lesley Hearne - 713-824-3785 or Lesley.Hearne@sanofi.com

Sunday March 1

1. Breakfast Program sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb

Title: Investigating Dual Seropositivity in Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients
Speakers: Grace Wright, MD
Venue: Houston I-III (physician classroom)  Time: 7:00 am
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1777 Walker Street, Houston, TX 77010
Group Rate: $259 per night

Reservations: 877-622-3056 (cut-off date: Feb. 6th)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do I need to do first to register for the meeting? You will need to go to our website (stardoctors.org) and pay your 2020 Dues. On your dues confirmation page you will receive a membership code to use during your annual meeting registration. You will not receive the membership rate unless you add this discount to the payment page of your annual meeting registration.

2. How much are 2020 dues? The fee for the 2020 dues is $100. This will enable you to sign up as a member for the annual meeting. Member rate for the meeting is $150 which combined (dues and meeting) is a $100 savings.

3. How do I register for the meeting? You can register online via our website at: stardoctors.org. We have a new dues and annual meeting registration process that should be easier to use. No password need for either process.

4. Is there a registration fee for the meeting? Yes, the registration fee is $150 for members (with membership code), $350 for non-members/PharmD and $100 for practice managers.

5. Will there be CME’s for the meeting? Yes, there will be a total of 13 CME hours plus 1 ethics hour. You will also be able to receive up to 13 MOC credits for this event. This will vary depending on the time you attend.

6. How do I get my CME/MOC credits? There will be a link in the on-site program where you will go online and fill out an evaluation. Once that is completed you can print and save your CME certificate (Ethics certificate will be handled by the ethics speaker). MOC credits will show up in your account approximately two months after the program. We will also send out a reminder email with the link after the meeting for your convenience.

7. Is there a cut-off date for registration to the meeting? No, you can register anytime but there is a $50 late fee after February 6th.

8. How do I reserve a hotel room and what is the cut-off date? See above for details.