

State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Gaylord Texan Resort  
1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051

FEB  
21-23



Program Director  
Prashanth Sunkureddi, MD

# FRIDAY

February 21st

## PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>2 BREAKFAST PROGRAMS</b> (see sanctioned product theater schedule)
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	SAPHO-Autoimmune or Autoinflammatory? - <b>Adam Brown, MD</b>
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL</b>
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CAR-T Cells and the Future of Precision Immunotherapy in Rheumatology - <b>Maximilian F. Konig, MD</b>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Inflammatory Myopathy - <b>Rohit Aggarwal, MD, MS</b>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL</b>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Elevated Muscle Enzymes - <b>Rohit Aggarwal, MD, MS</b>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	The Uses and Misuses of Artificial Intelligence in Rheumatology - <b>Jeffrey Curtis, MD, MS, MPH</b>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL</b>
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Rheumatology and the Skin: Pearls for Diagnosis and Management - <b>Natalie Wright, MD, FAAD</b>
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>BADGE OF HONOR COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b>
6:30 PM	<b>3 Dinner Programs</b> (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

# SATURDAY

February 22nd

## PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:10 AM - 9:10 AM	Osteoporosis: 2025 Update for Rheumatologists - <b>Kenneth G. Saag, MD</b>
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	New Molecules in Development for Rheumatic Diseases - <b>Roy Fleishmann, MD, MACR</b>
10:10 AM - 10:50 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
10:50 AM - 11:50 AM	What Ever Happened to ??? - <b>Roy Fleishmann, MD, MACR</b>
11:50 AM - 12:50 PM	Uveitis: Everything Everywhere All at Once - <b>Robert Wang, MD</b>
12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	Ultrasound in Rheumatology - <b>Jemima Albayda, MD</b>
2:50 PM - 3:50 PM	TMA Legislative Update - What's On The Horizon? - <b>G. Ray Callas, MD</b>
3:50 PM - 4:20 PM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
6:30 PM	3 Dinner Programs (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

# SUNDAY

February 23rd



7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast Program (see sanctioned product theater schedule)
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:10 AM - 9:10 AM	What's New in Vasculitis? (A Lot) - <b>John H. Stone, MD, MPH</b>
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	IgG4-Related Diseases - <b>John H. Stone, MD, MPH</b>

# SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATRE

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## **DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY J & J**

**Title:** What You Need To Know Now About Medicare Changes in 2025

**Speaker:** Joseph Huffstutter, MD

**Venue:** Escondido 2 & 3 - Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** Physicians, APPs, Practice Managers & Biologic Coordinators

**RSVP:** Christine Borrego: 214-566-8804

*Friday*

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## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ABBVIE**

**Title:** Focus on RA - Data Including TNFi Nonresponders

**Speaker:** Alan Brown, MD

**Venue:** Davis 1 - Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** All registered STAR Attendees

**RSVP:** No RSVP Required

*Friday*

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## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SANOFI**

**Title:** The History, The Present, The Future: Kevzara (sarilumab) is Approved in pJIA, in Addition to PMR and RA

**Speaker:** Grace C. Wright, MD, PhD, FACR

**Venue:** Davis 2 - Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** All registered STAR Attendees  
(providers and practice members preferred)

**RSVP:** Chad Sweazey: [chad.sweazey@sanofi.com](mailto:chad.sweazey@sanofi.com) or 512-626-6312

# SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATRE

*Friday*

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## **DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AMGEN**

**Title:** Achieving and Sustaining Remission in Severe Active ANCA-Associated Vasculitis: GPA and MPA

**Speaker:** Adam Kilian, MD

**Venue:** Old Hickory Steakhouse - Inside Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** All STAR HCP Attendees

**RSVP:** Marla Stanfield: [mstanfie@amgen.com](mailto:mstanfie@amgen.com) or 972-214-6261

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## **DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY GSK**

**Title:** Understanding Early Biologic Use in Lupus: An Evolution in treatment Recommendations

**Speakers:** Maureen McMahon, MD & Irfan Agha, MD

**Venue:** Truluck's Ocean's Finest Seafood and Crab  
1420 Plaza Pl., Southlake, TX 76092

**Invited:** All STAR HCP Attendees

**RSVP:** Maureen "Mo" Punko: 972-358-5322 or [maureen.k.punko@gsk.com](mailto:maureen.k.punko@gsk.com)  
Kristina stiltner: 303-579-4738 or [kristina.m.stiltner@gsk.com](mailto:kristina.m.stiltner@gsk.com)

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6:30 PM

## **DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY UCB**

**Title:** BIMZELX® (bimekizumab-bkzx): Expert Perspectives on A New Treatment for PsA, nr-axSpA, and AS

**Speaker:** Alvin Wells, MD

**Venue:** Bob's Steak & Chop House -  
1255 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051

**Invited:** All STAR HCP Attendees

**RSVP:** Lacy Riddle: [lacy.riddle@ucb.com](mailto:lacy.riddle@ucb.com)

# SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATRE

*Saturday*

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6:00 PM

## DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY J & J

**Title:** Rheum TREMIFYA Branded Tremfya in Focus: Multispecialty Insights from a Rheumatologist, Dermatologist and Gastroenterologist

**Speakers:** Jill Zouzoulas, MD; Diana Whitehead, MD; Aaron Farberg, MD

**Venue:** High Plains 2 & 3 - Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** Physicians, APPs and Medical Staff

**RSVP:** Christine Borrego: 214-566-8804

*Saturday*

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6:30 PM

## DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY LILLY

**Title:** The Dual Challenge of Inflammation in Obesity and Psoriatic Arthritis

**Speakers:** Dr. Bakewell and Dr. Hsueh

**Venue:** Escondido 1 - 3 - Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** Physicians, NPs, PAs, HCP Office Personnel

**RSVP:** No RSVP Required

*Saturday*

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6:30 PM

## DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ANI PHARMACEUTICALS

Please see ANI Pharmaceutical Representative for details

*Sunday*

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7:00 AM

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ASTRAZENECA

**Title:** An In-Depth Review of Saphnelo: Results From the TULIP Pivotal Trials, 4 Year LTE Study and Emerging Data

**Speaker:** Dhiman Basu, MD

**Venue:** Tate 1-4 (General Session) Gaylord Texan Resort

**Invited:** All registered STAR Attendees

**RSVP:** No RSVP Required

# Gaylord Texan Resort



Grapevine, Texas



2026 Annual Meeting



February 20 - 22

## PHYSICIAN PROGRAM FACULTY

### Rohit Aggarwal, MD, MS

Professor of Medicine  
Medical Director,  
Arthritis and Autoimmunity Center

### Jemima Albayda, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Program Director, Rheumatology Fellowship

### Adam Brown, MD

Staff Physician  
Cleveland Clinic

### G. Ray Callas, MD

President  
Texas Medical Association

### Jeffrey Curtis, MD

Professor of Medicine,  
Epidemiology, and Computer Science  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

### Roy Fleischmann, MD, MACR

Adjunct Professor of Medicine University of Texas,  
Southwestern Medical Center Dallas  
Medical Director,  
Metroplex Clinical Research Center, Dallas

### Maximilian F. Konig, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, Cellular Therapy Program (Autoimmunity)  
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

### Kenneth G. Saag, MD

Anna Lois Waters Professor  
Director, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology  
Director, Comprehensive Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, Bone, and  
Autoimmunity Center, Department of Medicine

### John Stone, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School

### Robert Wang, MD

Partner Texas Retina Associates  
Clinical Associate Professor UTSW

### Natalie Wright, MD, FAAD

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology  
Baylor University Medical Center  
Director Connective Tissue Disease Clinic  
Plano Dermatology

# SATURDAY

## PRACTICE MANAGERS

February 22nd

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

**BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL**

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8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

**OPENING REMARKS**

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8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Strategic Decisions: Key Considerations for Evaluating Outsourcing Services

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10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**

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11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Navigating Coding & Regulatory Challenges in Rheumatology

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12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL**

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1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

From Insights to Impact: Turning Data Analysis into Actionable Strategies with Essential Tools

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3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

**BREAK**

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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Cultivating Fit: Strategies for Hiring and Retaining Employees Who Enhance Team Culture

## FACULTY:

**Kathy Rock, MBA, CHCA, CRHC, CPC, CHC**

Rock Consulting Inc.

**Patricia Henricksen, MS, CHCA, CPC-I, CPC, CCP-P, ACS-PM**

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