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2026 ANNUAL MEETING

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APRIL 10-12, 2026

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560 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

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COURSE FACULTY

PROGRAM CHAIR

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SCRS Program Chair
Articularis Healthcare Group

GUEST FACULTY

Bonnie Bermas, MD
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Peter Grayson, M.D., M.Sc.
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Kenneth O'Rourke, MD, MACR
Formerly Rheumatology Division Chief, Maine Medical Center, and Professor of Medicine, Wake Forest School of Medicine - Winston-Salem, NC

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Professor of Rheumatology at the University of Rochester Medical Center - Rochester, NY

Heather Simpson, MD
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Chair, Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the conference, learners should be better able to:

- Describe the basic metabolic pathways providing energy for muscle contraction
- Construct an approach to the diagnosis of a patient with a suspected metabolic myopathy
- Describe the anatomic components that provide static and dynamic stability to the shoulder and knee
- Discuss how anatomy of the shoulder and knee predisposes to mechanical musculoskeletal problems Analyze the controversies surrounding Lyme disease including the entity of chronic Lyme disease
- Recognize the clinical features of VEXAS Syndrome
- Interpret somatic mutations in the context of rheumatologic diseasesIdentify on yourself and/or your neighboring colleague key upper extremity anatomic landmarks and functions
- Develop a management approach to imaging patients with large-vessel vasculitis
- Choose treatment strategy for large-vessel vasculitis based on current evidence
- Identify medications & systemic conditions associated with increased risk of medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ) in patients treated for osteoporosis and rheumatologic disease
- Apply evidence-based prevention strategies—including dental screening, patient counseling, and coordination of care—to minimize MRONJ risk prior to and during antiresorptive or antiangiogenic therapy
- Integrate collaborative communication with dental and surgical colleagues into the management of patients who require oral procedures while on antiresorptive therapy
- Describe the pathophysiology, staging, and clinical presentation of MRONJ using current diagnostic criteria (AAOMS)
- Develop stage-appropriate management plans that balance conservative and surgical approaches to optimize patient outcomes
- Communicate effectively with medical colleagues to ensure safe timing of dental interventions and continuity of care in patients receiving antiresorptive or antiangiogenic therapy.
- Describe Pathophysiology of Autoimmune Hepatitis
- Identify Clinical presentation of disease
- Apply diagnostic testing & treatment of disease

ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Medical University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Rheumatism Society. The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, anyone involved in planning or presenting this educational activity will be required to disclose any financial relationships with any ineligible companies. An ineligible company is any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Any financial relationships with these ineligible companies have been mitigated by the MUSC Office of CME. Speakers who incorporate information about off-label or investigational use of drugs or devices will be asked to disclose that information at the beginning of their presentation.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Medical University of South Carolina designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ABIM CME MOC ACCREDITED

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 12.75 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participants completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit. For those interested in receiving MOC, the MOC assessment will be held at the end of each day and will last no more than 15 minutes each day.

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COURSE AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

11:45 Registration & Sign-In

12:15 Introduction and Overview,
Gregory Neimer, M.D., Program Chair

12:30 Psoriatic Arthritis: Novel Discoveries and Therapeutic Srategies
Christopher T. Ritchlin, M.D., M.P.H.

1:30 Fellow Presentation #1 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

1:45 Fellow Presentation #2 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

2:00 Axial Spondyloarthritis: Scientific Advances, Imaging Challenges and the Emerging Therapeutic Pipeline,
Christopher T. Ritchlin, M.D., M.P.H.

3:00 Fellow Presentation #3 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

3:15 Fellow Presentation #4 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

3:30 Break with Exhibitors

4:00 Fellow Presentation #5 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

4:15 Fellow Presentation #6 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

4:30 Reproductive Health Considerations in the Autoimmune Patient, *Bonnie Bermas, M.D.*

5:30 MOC Assessment - Meeting adjourns for the day

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 Sign-In & Continental Breakfast for Participants

7:45 Introduction and Overview,
Gregory Neimer, M.D., Program Chair

8:00 Metabolic Myopathies – A Primer,
Kenneth S. O'Rourke, M.D., MACR

9:00 Discovery of the VEXAS Syndrome
Peter Grayson, M.D., M.Sc.

10:00 Break with Exhibitors

10:30 Rheumatic ICI Adverse Events, *Bonnie Bermas, M.D..*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 Continued

11:30 Applied Anatomy: Shoulder and Knee,
Kenneth S. O'Rourke, M.D., MACR

12:30 Updates in Large-Vessel Vasculitis,
Peter Grayson, M.D., M.Sc.

1:30 MOC Assessment - Meeting Adjourns for the day

1:40 SCRS Business Luncheon & Social*
All Society Members are invited *Non-CME

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 Sign-In & Continental Breakfast for Participants

7:30 Introduction and Overview,
Gregory Neimer, M.D,, Program Chair

7:45 Fellow Presentation #7 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

8:00 Fellow Presentation #8 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

8:15 Diagnosis and Management of Autoimmune Hepatitis
Heather Simpson, MD

9:15 Fellow Presentation #9 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

9:30 Break with Exhibitors

10:00 Fellow Presentation #10 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

10:15 Fellow Presentation #11 - TBA
TBA, M.D.

10:30 Jaw-Dropping Complications: A Medical and Surgical Look at MRONJ
Faye N. Hant, DO, MSCR & Martin Steed, DDS

11:30 MOC Assessment - Meeting Adjourns until 2027

Save the Date 2027 SCRS Annual Meeting April 16-18, 2027

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ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Place Charleston, 560 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403. The conference rate is $319++ and the room block for Society registrants will be held until Monday March 9, 2026.. The room block may fill prior to March 9, 2026 and availability cannot be guaranteed. We suggest you make your reservation as soon as possible. To make your reservation, please call the hotel at 1-800-993-4751 and reference the SC Rheumatism Society Annual Meeting. You can also make your reservations by going to the following link:
https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHSXH/G-SCR1

Self-Parking Lot Rates-

The Garage is a public garage owned and operated by the City of Charleston, not the Hyatt Hotels.

- Rates are $3.00 per hour per day (until Midnight). Max Payment is $24.00
- At Midnight the clock starts again at $3.00 per hour (a 1-night stay can cost $48.00)
- Guests must pay for garage directly, the hotel does NOT take payments
- If leaving and returning the clock starts over at $3.00 per hour

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- Valet Parking is $49.00 per overnight with unlimited in and out privileges
- Valet does not park in the garage, an off-site parking lot is utilized

Street Parking –

- Traffic enforcement monitors parking meters regularly, towing can occur for unpaid parking and for street closures that take place on the weekends on King Street.

REGISTRATION

Annual Meeting Registration fee includes continental breakfasts, breaks, course syllabus and credit processing.

Registration Methods:

- Online: visit the QR Code to the right
- Telephone: Credit Card Only. Call 843-876-1925.
- Fax: Credit Card only. Secure area. 843-876-1931.
- Mail: Please enclose the Annual Meeting registration form with your credit card information or check payable to "Medical University of South Carolina" to:

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96 Jonathan Lucas Street, HE601, MSC 754
Charleston, SC 29425

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REGISTRATION	UNTIL 2/28/2026	AFTER 2/28/2026
All Medical Care Professionals	☐ $200	☐ $250
Industry Professionals	☐ $300	☐ $350

SYLLABUS - NEW FOR 2026

In our efforts to "go green", an online syllabus will be provided to all attendees. Information will be emailed to you prior to the conference so that you may download a copy. Internet connection will also be available in the meeting room.

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  96 Jonathan Lucas Street
  HE601, MSC 754
  Charleston, SC, 29425
- Email/Scan completed registration form to cmeoffice@musc.edu
- Complete registration through the QR Code to the right

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CANCELLATIONS

A refund will be made upon written request prior to March 9, 2026 less a $100 cancellation fee. After March 9, 2026, no refunds will be made. We reserve the right to cancel the program if necessary. Full registration fees will be refunded for canceled programs. By registering for this conference, you acknowledge and agree to this cancellation policy.