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2024
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February 23-25

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FRIDAY

February 23rd

PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

2 BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

(see sanctioned product theater schedule)

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

OPENING REMARKS & PRE-TEST

8:15 AM - 9:15 AM

Rheumatoid Arthritis: Using All Your Tools

- **James R. O'Dell, MD**

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Updates on Axial Spondyloarthritis

- **Atul A. Deodhar, MD**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Gout and Lessons Learned From Stop-Gout Trial

- **James R. O'Dell, MD**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Updates in Pulmonary Hypertension in

Patients with Connective Tissue Diseases

- **Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP**

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Unmet Needs in Psoriatic Arthritis

- **Atul A. Deodhar, MD**

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Pregnancy and Autoimmune Rheumatic

Disorders - **Caroline H. Siegel, MD**

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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6:30 PM

3 Dinner Programs (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

SATURDAY

PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

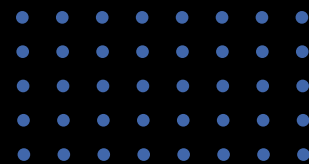
February 24th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Update on Vaccination in Patients with Rheumatic Disease, 2024 - Jeffrey Curtis, MD
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Vasculitis Mimics - Philip Seo, MD, MHS
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Systemic Sclerosis Related Autoantibodies - Useful Tools for Patient Stratification - Shervin Assassi, MD
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Sarcoidosis: Diagnosis and Treatment - Robert P. Baughman, MD
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Evaluation and Treatment of Skin and Lung Fibrosis in Systemic Sclerosis - Shervin Assassi, MD
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TMA Legislative Update: Wins and Work Ahead - Rick W. Snyder, II, MD
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
6:30 PM	3 Dinner Programs (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

SUNDAY

February 25th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast Program (see sanctioned product theater schedule)
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS & POST-TEST
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Update on Nonrenal Lupus - Michelle Petri, MD, MPH
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Update on Renal Lupus - Michelle Petri, MD, MPH



SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATERS

Thursday

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6:00 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SANOFI

Title: Kevzara (Sarilumab): The First and Only FDA-Approved Biologic for the Treatment of Adult Patients With Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR) Who Have Had An Inadequate Response to Corticosteroids or Who Cannot Tolerate Corticosteroid Taper

Speaker: John Tesser, MD

Venue: McCormick & Schmicks – 1201 Fannin St., Houston, Texas

Invited: All STAR HCP attendees

RSVP: Chad Sweazey – chad.sweazey@sanofi.com or
Brent Gustafson – brent.gustafson@sanofi.com

Friday

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ABBVIE

Title: Focus on RA Data Including TNFI Nonresponders: An Engaging Discussion on Efficacy And Safety In The Treatment of RA

Speaker: Grace Wright, MD, PhD, FACR

Venue: Meyerland Room (3rd Floor) Marriott Marquis Houston

Invited: All STAR attendees – No RSVP required

Friday

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AMGEN

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

Speaker: Sanjay Chabra, DO

Venue: Briargrove Room (3rd Floor) Marriott Marquis Houston

Invited: All STAR attendees

RSVP: Eric Gagrat – egagrat@amgen.com or 917-952-0771

SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATERS

Friday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY UCB

Title: Considering the Impact of a Biomarker-driven Approach:
A Personalized Way to View Moderate-to-Severe RA

Speaker: Guillermo J. Valenzuela, MD, FACR

Venue: Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse (Ballroom 2nd floor)
1510 Texas Ave, Houston, Texas 77002

Invited: STAR HCP attendees

RSVP: Jewel Johnson - jewel.johnson@ucb.com

Friday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY LILLY

Title: Taltz for Today and Tomorrow:
Rapid and Sustained Efficacy for PsA and axSpA Patients

Speaker: Jill Zouzoulas, MD, FACR

Venue: Xochi Restaurant (Espadin Room) Marriott Marquis Houston

Invited: Physicians, NP's, PAs, HCP Office Personnel

RSVP: No RSVP required

Friday

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6:00 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY GSK

Title: Is it Time to Change Your Patient's Treatment Approach?
A Case-Based Discussion

Speaker: Elaine Lambert, MD

Venue: Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse -1510 Texas Ave, Houston, Texas

Invited: All STAR attendees (excluding vendors)

RSVP: Kristina Stiltner - Kristina.m.stiltner@gsk.com or 303-579-4738

SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATERS

Saturday

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DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY J&J INNOVATIVE MEDICINE

Title: Policy & Legislative Update

Speaker: David Hannah & Molly Miller

Venue: Potente - 1515 Texas Ave, Houston, Texas

Invited: STAR HCP attendees

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Saturday

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DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AURINIA PHARMA US, INC.

Title: A Closer Look at Kidney Preservation in Lupus Nephritis with LUPKYNIS

Speaker: Abdul Abdellatif, MD

Venue: Mortan's Steakhouse - 1001 McKinney St. A4, Houston, Texas

Invited: STAR HCP attendees

RSVP: Mary Ngo - mngo@auriniapharma.com or 713-823-1757

Saturday

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6:00 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ANI PHARMACEUTICALS

Title: Focused Introduction to Purified Cortroohin Gel

Speaker: Alvin Wells, MD, PhD

Venue: McCormick & Schmicks - 1201 Fannin St., Houston, Texas

Invited: STAR HCP attendees

RSVP: Michael Baimbridge - 281-414-4058

Sunday

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ASTRAZENECA

Title: "SAPHNELO® (anifrolumab-fnia): A First-In-Class IFN-1 Signaling Inhibitor, Now With 4-Year Data From a Long-Term Safety and Tolerability Study'

Speaker: Alvin Wells, MD, PhD

Venue: Texas Ballroom F-H (General Session)

Invited: STAR HCP attendees - No RSVP required

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SATURDAY

February 24th

PRACTICE
MANAGERS

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

OPENING REMARKS

8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

2024 Coding and Medicare Update for
Rheumatology

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Rheumatology Internal Auditing Part 1:
What Should You Look For?

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Rheumatology Internal Auditing Part 2:
Working with Case Studies

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Determining Compliance Program
Effectiveness: Exploring Federal Guidance
and Compliance Issues That Can Fly Under
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