State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Gaylord Texan Resort

1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051

FEB 21-23



STAR

Program Director

Prashanth Sunkureddi, MD

FRIDAY

February 21st

PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	**2 BREAKFAST PROGRAMS** (see sanctioned product theater schedule)
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	**OPENING REMARKS**
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	SAPHO-Autoimmune or Autoinflammatory? - ***Adam Brown, MD***
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CAR-T Cells and the Future of Precision Immunotherapy in Rheumatology ***- Maximilian F. Konig, MD***
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Inflammatory Myopathy ***- Rohit Aggarwal, MD, MS***
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	**LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL**
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Elevated Muscle Enzymes ***- Rohit Aggarwal, MD, MS***
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	The Uses and Misuses of Artificial Intelligence in Rheumatology ***- Jeffrey Curtis, MD, MS, MPH***
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Rheumatology and the Skin: Pearls for Diagnosis and Management ***- Natalie Wright, MD, FAAD***
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	**BADGE OF HONOR COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
6:30 PM	**3 Dinner Programs** (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 - ***Kenneth G. Saag, MD***
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	New Molecules in Development for Rheumatic Diseases **- *Roy Fleishmann, MD, MACR***
10:10 AM - 10:50 AM	**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**
10:50 AM - 11:50 AM	What Ever Happened to ??? **- *Roy Fleishmann, MD, MACR***
11:50 AM - 12:50 PM	Uveitis: Everything Everywhere All at Once **- *Robert Wang, MD***
12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	**LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL**
1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	Ultrasound in Rheumatology **- *Jemima Albayda, MD***
2:50 PM - 3:50 PM	TMA Legislative Update - What's On The Horizon? **- *G. Ray Callas, MD***
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) **- *John H. Stone, MD, MPH***
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	IgG4-Related Diseases **- *John H. Stone, MD, MPH***

SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATRE

Thursday

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7:00 PM

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

21

7:00 AM

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

21

7:00 AM

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 or 512-626-6312

SANCTIONED PRODUCT THEATRE

Friday

21

6:30 PM

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 or 972-214-6261

Friday

21

6:30 PM

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
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Friday

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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

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
22
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
22
6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ANI PHARMACEUTICALS

Please see ANI Pharmaceutical Representative for details

Sunday
23
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

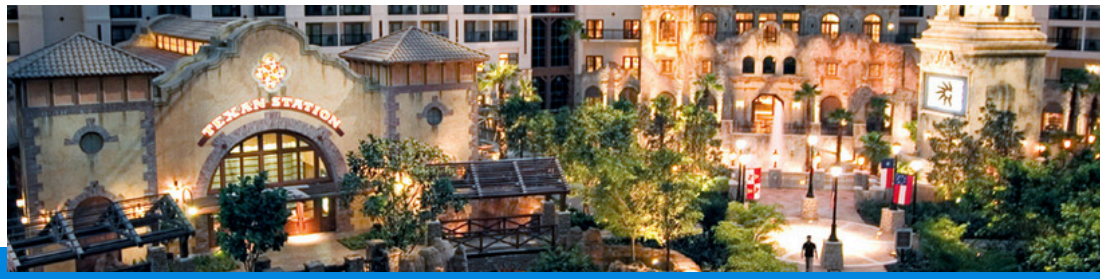
Invited: All registered STAR Attendees

RSVP: No RSVP Required

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PHYSICIAN PROGRAM FACULTY

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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**
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	**OPENING REMARKS**
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Strategic Decisions: Key Considerations for Evaluating Outsourcing Services
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Navigating Coding & Regulatory Challenges in Rheumatology
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	**LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL**
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	From Insights to Impact: Turning Data Analysis into Actionable Strategies with Essential Tools
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	**BREAK**
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Cultivating Fit: Strategies for Hiring and Retaining Employees Who Enhance Team Culture

FACULTY:

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