



State of Texas Association of Rheumatologists

2026 Annual Meeting

February
20-22

Gaylord Texan Resort
1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051

13.5 CME/MOC Credits + 1 Ethics

Program Director
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FRIDAY

February 20th

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

Giant Cell Arteritis: The Advanced Course
- ***Philip Seo, MD, MHS***

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis
- ***Philip Seo, MD, MHS***

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Controversies in Rheumatoid Arthritis
- ***Stanley Cohen, MD***

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Sleep Disorders in Rheumatic Disease
- ***Richard J. Castriotta, MD***

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Rheumatoid Arthritis Therapeutics Update:
Focus on JAK Inhibitors and Therapies
Under Development - ***Stanley Cohen, MD***

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Autoinflammatory - Everything You're
Burning to Know - ***Adam Brown, MD***

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

BADGE OF HONOR COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:30 PM

3 Dinner Programs (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

**2027
ANNUAL
MEETING**
March 5-7

Marriott Marquis Houston

1777 Walker St., Houston, TX 77010



SATURDAY

February 21st

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:10 AM - 9:10 AM	Precision Horizons in Psoriatic Arthritis - Ana-Maria Orbai, MD, MHS
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	Systemic Sclerosis: Updates on Disease Course Prediction and Treatment - Shervin Assassi, MD, MS
10:10 AM - 10:50 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
10:50 AM - 11:50 AM	Axial and Peripheral Worlds: Spondyloarthritis Diagnosis and Treatment - Ana-Maria Orbai, MD, MHS
11:50 AM - 12:50 PM	Sjogren's Disease: Developments & Diagnosis Pitfalls - Sara S. McCoy, MD, PhD
12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease - You'll Have To See It To Believe It - Adam Brown, MD
2:50 PM - 3:50 PM	Legislative Wins - What Is In Horizon - Jay Shah, MD
3:50 PM - 4:20 PM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
6:30 PM	3 Dinner Programs (see sanctioned product theater schedule)

SUNDAY

February 22nd

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	Update on Non-Renal Lupus - Michelle Petri, MD, MPH
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	Update on Lupus Nephritis - Michelle Petri, MD, MPH

PRODUCT THEATERS

Thursday

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6:15 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY GSK

Title: Shifting the Paradigm: Early Biologic Intervention for Lupus and Lupus Nephritis

Speaker: Alvin Wells, MD

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

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY AMGEN

Title: From Inflammation to Innovation: Tackling IgG4-related Disease with UPLIZNA: The First and Only FDA-Approved Therapy

Speaker: Adam Kilian, MD, FACP

Venue: Davis 1 Room - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

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Jackie Ramirez: 832-318-2055

Friday

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY GENENTECH

Title: Advancing Care in Lupus Nephritis:
Exploring the Evolving Landscape

Speaker: Orrin M. Troum, MD, MACR

Venue: Davis 2 Room - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

RSVP: No RSVP Required

PRODUCT THEATERS

Friday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ABBVIE

Title: Changing Course

Speaker: Gordon Lam, MD

Venue: Old Hickory Steakhouse - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

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Tara.Barton@abbvie.com

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY NOVARTIS

Title: Reframing Sjögren's Disease: Not a Syndrome, But A Systemic Autoimmune Disease That Can Be Serious and Progressive

Speaker: Tara Rizvi, MD

Venue: Texoma 1 Room - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

RSVP: James Ikeda: james.ikeda@novartis.com

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY UCB

Title: What Does Zero Disease Activity Mean To You? A Different Way of Evaluating Disease Control

Speaker: Sergio Schwartzman, MD

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

Invited: STAR HCP Attendees

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PRODUCT THEATERS

Saturday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON

Title: Stronger Together with Tremfya - Bridging Rheumatology & Gastroenterology for Integrated Care

Speakers: Philip Mease, MD & Jeevan Vinod, MD

Venue: Escondido 1-3 - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

RSVP: Christine Borrego: CBorrego@its.jnj.com

Saturday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY SANOFI

Title: The History, The Present, The Future: Kevzara (Sarilumab) in RA, PMR, and pJIA

Speakers: Amro Balki, MD & Ray McLaughlin, MD

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

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

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Saturday

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6:30 PM

DINNER PROGRAM SPONSORED BY LILLY USA

Title: Unspoken, Unmeasured: The Burden of Obesity in PsA

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

Venue: San Saba 2 Room - Gaylord Texan Resort

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

RSVP: No RSVP Required

Sunday

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7:00 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ASTRAZENECA

Title: Exploring SAPHNELO: A Clinical Review of the Tulip Trials, 4 Year LTE, and Emerging Data

Speaker: Adam Kilian, MD, FACP, FACR

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

Invited: Star HCP Attendees

RSVP: No RSVP Required

SATURDAY

February 21st

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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	2026 Coding and Medicare Update for Rheumatology
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Current Audit Climate (Moderate Complexity E/M, Modifier 25, # of units, incident to)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Billing for your APPs: From Supervision to Proper Payment
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Maximizing MIPS in a "Buy & Bill" Environment

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