

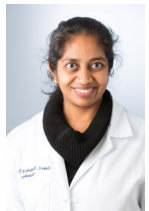


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Alireza Meysami, MD, MBA, CPE, RhMSUS, FACP, FACP is a recognized leader in Rheumatology, serving as the Division Head at Henry Ford Health System, and Associate Professor of Medicine at both Michigan State University and Wayne State University. A Dartmouth-trained scholar, he established the MSK Ultrasound Clinic and the IgG-4 RD Clinic at Henry Ford after joining in 2012. Board-certified in Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, and Musculoskeletal Ultrasound, he also holds a Certified Physician Executive (CPE) certification and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Meysami is actively involved in key medical organizations, including the American College of Rheumatology, Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan, and Michigan Rheumatism Society. He has an impressive academic portfolio with numerous abstracts, peer-

reviewed papers, and national presentations, and he mentors the next generation of rheumatologists through his research projects at Henry Ford.



Veena Ranganath, MD, MS, RhMSUS is a Professor of Clinical Medicine and an adult rheumatologist at UCLA within Departments of Medicine and Computational Medicine, Division of Rheumatology. She is Co-Director of the UCLA Masters of Science in Clinical Research Program (MSCR) and Director of the Rheumatology Fellowship Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Training Program. She has served 6yrs on the FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee and as Chair of the Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Certification in Rheumatology (RhMSUS) Oversight Committee. She is an expert in rheumatoid arthritis and imaging and has obtained numerous grants from NIH, foundations, investigator initiative studies, etc.



Iazmin Ventura, MD, MSc, is a board-certified rheumatologist with a primary focus on inflammatory myopathies, autoimmune lung and skin diseases and vasculitides. She is Assistant Professor of Medicine at University of Chicago Medicine. She received medical education from University of Brasilia, Rheumatology Fellowship of the University of Chicago. She is a member of the American College of Rheumatology and the American Thoracic Society.

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SUMMER CONFERENCE

August 7-9, 2026 Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

11:00 am - 4:40 pm **MRS Board & Business Meeting** *Level 17*
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Working Dinner/RA Select - Select-Switch Changing Course** *Tower A*
Alan Brown, MD *Sponsored by AbbVie* *Tower B*
6:00 pm- 7:30 pm **MRS Family Dinner**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Working Breakfast/Breakfast/Understanding the Disease Course and Clinical implications of IgG4-RD** *Governors A*
Alireza Meysami, MD *Sponsored by Amgen*
9:00 am – 12:00 pm ***Practical Musculoskeletal Ultrasound for Rheumatology Providers (switch to Sjogren's Workshop after 1.5 hours)** *Tower A*
Alireza Meysami, MD
9:00 am - 12:00 pm ***Sjogren's Workshop (switch to US Workshop after 1.5 hours)** *Mackinac A*
Thomas Grader-Beck, MD
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Working Lunch/The History, the Present, the Future Kevzara Sarilumab in RA, PMR, and pJIA** *Governors B*
Mona Amin, DO *Sponsored by Sanofi*
Kostas Botsoglou, MD
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm ***Opening Remarks/Legislative Update** *Governors A*
Amar Majihoo, MD
President, Michigan Rheumatism Society
1:30pm – 2:30 pm ***Hope for Lupus Skin!**
Joanne M. Kahlenberg, MD
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ***GLP-1 and Rheumatic Disease**
Veena K. Ranganath, MD, MS, RhMSUS
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm **Break with Exhibitors** *Governors CDEF*
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm ***Coding & Billing: Navigating the Payer Maze in Rheumatology** *Governors A*
Christopher Acevedo, CHC
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Welcome Reception & Dinner** *Pavilion*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors** *Governors CDEF*
8:00 am - 9:00 am **From Paper To Practice: Perspectives On Clinical Trials Real-World Data In PsA** *sponsored by Novartis*
Andrew Sulich MD & *Governors B*
Nicolas Wiemer, DO

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 (CONT.)

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am ***Sjogren's Disease and the B-Cell Frontier: What Clinicians Need to Know Now to Prepare for Future Therapies**
Thomas Grader-Beck, MD presented by PeerView *Governors A*
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am **Break with Exhibitors** *Governors CDEF*
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am ***Taking a New Look at Psoriatic Arthritis and It's Comorbidities Through the Lens of TYK2 Inhibition**
Philip J. Mease, MD presented by PeerView *Governors A*
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm ***PSA: Hot Topics & Updates** *Governors A*
Philip J. Mease, MD
- 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm **Working Lunch/Unveiling New Evidence in PsA Joint Efficacy: Be Bold A Head-to-Head Superiority Trail in PSA**
Kostas Botsoglou, MD sponsored by UCB *Governors B*
- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ***Cell Therapy Update** *Governors A*
Philip Mease, MD
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm ***Knowledge Bowl with Fellows** *Governors A*
Amita Bishnoi, MD (Moderator)
Alireza Meysami, MD, RhMSUS
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Reception/Poster Tour - MSL Appointments** *Foyer*
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Dinner/Axial PsA vs axSpA: Why the Distinction Matters**
Philip J. Mease, MD Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson *Tower A*
- 6:30 pm—7:30 pm **Family Dinner** *Tower B*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors** *Governors CDEF*
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **X-Linked Hypophosphatemia Unveiled: A Guide to Diagnosis and Management** *Sponsored by Kyowa Kirin*
Alvin F. Wells, MD *Governors B*
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am ***Update on Myositis** *Governors A*
Iazmin Ventura, MD, MSc
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break** *Foyer*
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am ***Where Rheum Meets Oncology** *Governors A*
Alexa Meara, MD
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm **Working Lunch/The Next Chapter in PsA: Efficacy, Safety, and Dosing of a New Oral Treatment Option for Active Psoriatic Arthritis**
Amar Majjhoo, MD *Sponsored by BMS* *Tower AB*
- 12:15 pm - 12:30 pm **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

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Christopher Accvedo, CHC is a healthcare industry veteran with over 20 years of expertise in combining the unique perspective of avoiding physician risk and liability with opportunities for optimizing reimbursement. He has a particular expertise in chart audits, compliance & education relative documentation and coding. Chris has assisted clients nationwide with these and many other organizational needs and his experience in operational management brings our clients invaluable expertise in the operational aspects of organizations' billing processes and identifying areas for potential improvement. Through the firm, Chris often serves as an expert for clients undergoing alleged overpayment and/or fraud investigations, as the Independent Review Organization (IRO) representative in accordance with Corporate Integrity Agreements (CIA) with the OIG and as a litigative consultant to the US Department of Justice. Christopher is the Healthcare Compliance Officer for Barry University, is Adjunct Faculty at Florida Atlantic University teaching regulatory compliance and is a member of multiple CMS MAC Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Groups.



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Dr. Thomas Grader-Beck is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine. He graduated from the Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg, Germany in 1997, completed his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the University of Massachusetts in 2003 and his subspecialty training in Rheumatology at the Johns Hopkins University in 2006. He joined the Jerome L. Greene Sjögren's Disease Center in 2010. His clinical and research interests are detection of early disease in Sjögren's disease and patients with overlap of Sjögren's disease and systemic lupus erythematosus. Together with gynecologist Dr. Anne Burke he holds a special interest in Sjögren's disease patients with gynecological manifestations.



Dr. Joanne Kahlenberg is the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Professor of Internal Medicine and Dermatology, and Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan. She completed her BS in Biology (Summa Cum Laude) at Denison University, her MD, PhD, and Internal Medicine training at Case Western Reserve University and her fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Michigan. Her clinical work is centered on the care of complicated lupus patients, including those with refractory skin disease. Her independent research laboratory (est. 2013) is funded by multiple NIH and foundation awards and combines translational approaches using patient samples and murine models to uncover the mechanisms that drive cutaneous and systemic lupus and other autoimmune diseases. She has received national recognition from the Lupus Foundation of America (2018 Mary Betty Stevens Award), the President of the United States (2018 PECASE recipient), and the American College of Rheumatology (2022 Henry Kunkel Young Investigator awardee). In 2023, she was admitted into the Henry Kunkel Society and the American Society of Clinical Investigation.



Dr. Alexa Meara earned her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at East Carolina University (ECU) and Vidant Medical Center, serving as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine. Dr. Meara pursued fellowship training in Rheumatology at The Ohio State University (OSU) from and subsequently completed two additional years of research fellowship, earning a Master of Medical Science degree. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Oncology The James Cancer Hospital at OSU Wexner Medical Center. Her clinical practice includes directing a specialized **Immunotherapy Management Clinic**, focused on managing autoimmune complications arising from cancer immunotherapy. Her research centers on understanding immune-related adverse events (irAEs), with the goal of classifying and treating these autoimmune sequelae while preserving the antitumor efficacy of immunotherapy.

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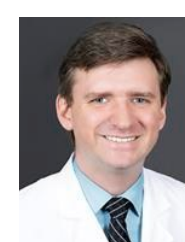
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OFFICE MANAGER PROGRAM

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Tower C

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast with Exhibitors	<i>Governors CDEF</i>
8:00 am – 11:00 am	2026 Billing & Coding Update <i>Christopher Acevedo, CHC</i> <i>Jay Salliotte, MBA</i> <i>Stacie J. Saylor, CPC, CPB</i>	
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Strategies for Managing “Difficult Patients” <i>Kathleen A. Westfall</i>	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Working Lunch “Know Now Module 3– Medicare 2026” <i>Jay Salliotte, MBA</i> <i>Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson</i>	

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