

# INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS DAY

*A Joint Initiative on Arthritis, Lupus, and Beyond*



Rheumatology Inflammatory  
Arthritis Program



**FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00AM – 1:00PM**

AC Hotel by Marriott- 125 Front Street, Worcester, MA

## AGENDA:

### 7:30 AM – Registration & Coffee

Welcome attendees with coffee and light refreshments.

### 8:30 AM – Session I: Immune Engineering–Bench to Bedside

#### 8:30 AM – Welcome Address: Dr. Karen Salomon-Escoto

#### 8:45 AM – T Cells: Redirecting Therapies for Inflammatory Arthritis and Beyond

Speaker: Prof. Dr. med. Ricardo Grieshaber-Bouyer

Professor of Clinical Systems Immunology

Head of the Clinical Trial Unit

Director, Center of Systems Immunology (CSI) Erlangen, FOCIS Center of Excellence

Moderator: Dr. Roberto Caricchio

#### 9:30 AM – Open Roads and Speed Bumps for CAR-T cells in Rheumatic Diseases

Speaker: Prof. Marko Radic

Univ. of Tennessee Health Science Center

Moderator: Prof. Ann Rothstein

#### 10:15 AM – Sponsor Recognition & Industry Spotlight:

##### Mini-Talks by Gold Industry Partners

Highlighting novel therapeutics and pipeline.

UCB

Johnson & Johnson

Sanofi

Moderator: Dr. Zheni Stavre

#### 11:00 AM – Networking Brunch

An opportunity for attendees to connect with colleagues and industry partners.

#### 11:30AM – Session II: Pathogenesis and Clinical Precision

##### 11:30 AM – Understanding Axial Spondyloarthritis: Models, Mechanisms, and Medicines

Speaker: Dr. Joerg Ermann

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Brigham and Women's Hospital

Moderator: Dr. Jonathan Kay

##### 12:15 PM – Bridging the Gaps in Psoriatic Arthritis Care: Challenges and Opportunities

Speaker: Dr. Lihi Eder

Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto, Canada

Director, Psoriatic Arthritis Program at Women's College Hospital

Co-Director, University of Toronto, Cardio-Rheumatology Program

Moderator: Dr. Zheni Stavre

#### 1:00 PM - Brief Networking Break

Short break for attendees to stretch, grab refreshments, and visit exhibitor booths.

Final opportunity to mingle and network before the closing session.

##### 1:15 PM – New Insights into the Mechanism of Action for Methotrexate: From Fruit Flies to Swollen Joints

Speaker: Prof. Neal Silverman

Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology

Department of Medicine

Director of First Year Basic Biomedical Sciences Umbrella Pathway

Morningside Graduate School and University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Moderator: Dr. Karen Salomon-Escoto

#### 1:45 PM – Closing Remarks & Raffle

Dr. Zheni Stavre and Dr. Karen Salomon-Escoto



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