

ADULT RHEUMATOLOGY

Rheumatic disease is a frequent reason for consultation of a physician, and diagnosis is often dependent upon having good skills in history and physical examination. The diseases addressed in rheumatology include musculoskeletal and autoimmune processes which can also affect other systems.

This elective provides the student with an opportunity to see a large number of patients with a variety of musculoskeletal diseases, and gain expertise and experience with communicating and examining patients in the ambulatory setting.

As a medical student, you will spend time in outpatient clinics and be supervised closely by the rheumatologist.

Typical Topics:

- *Rheumatoid arthritis & other inflammatory arthropathies*
- *Osteoarthritis.*
- *Gout/pseudogout*
- *Lower Back pain and sciatica*
- *Tendonitis, carpal tunnel and bursitis*
- *Vasculitis, systemic lupus erythematosus*
- *Osteoporosis*
- *Joint exam*
- *Joint injection and aspiration*

Organization:

- *Clinics will be booked for you, (ask for a copy of the clinic schedule)*
- *Clinics are located at the UAH (2E – Medicine Clinic)*
- *2, 3 or 4 week elective (no 1 week electives)*
- *Maximum of 1 student per time*
- *Working with 2 – 3 rheumatologists during your elective*
- *No night call for medical students; you may be asked to see ward consults*

Scheduling an Elective:

For more information and to schedule your elective after, please contact the Rheumatology Residency Office at:

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Once your elective has been scheduled through the Rheumatology program, it is essential that you contact the UGME office:

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780-492-1514

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