

Rheumatology

Goal: To provide an opportunity for the fellow to gain an understanding of the approach to the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatological illnesses in the elderly population

Locations: Division of Rheumatology
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Preceptors: Douglas Lienesch, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

Experience: The fellow will work with rheumatology attendings in the outpatient rheumatology clinics. The fellow will also attend the rheumatology case discussions and the rheumatology division conferences.

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. Learn the basic approach to diagnosis and treatment of rheumatologic disorders in the elderly (i.e. osteoarthritis, rheumatoid, osteoporosis, connective tissue diseases, vasculitides)

Patient Care (Clinical Skills)

2. Gain experience performing minor rheumatologic procedures (i.e. joint injections/aspirations).

Patient Care (Patient Management Skills)

3. Gain experience with managing symptoms of rheumatologic disorders using both non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic therapies.

Communication And Interpersonal Skills

4. Become comfortable with performing focused rheumatologic history and physical.

Practice-based Learning

5. Develop an approach to rheumatologic disorders in the elderly.
6. Learn how rheumatologists (as subspecialists) interact with primary care providers.

System-based Practice

7. Learn about indications to refer patient to subspecialty rheumatology practice vs. continuing management in primary care for common rheumatologic illnesses.

Evaluation: Competency-based faculty evaluation form at end of rotation

Preceptor

Fellow

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