



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RHEUMATOLOGY SOCIETY

December Newsletter

Dear Colleague,

We are thrilled to invite you to the Southern California Rheumatology Society's Myositis Symposium—a completely free half-day event designed to bring together Southern California rheumatologists, advanced practice providers (NPs and PAs), and primary care physicians to advance the care of myositis patients.

Why Attend?

- **Completely Free:** Enjoy complimentary registration, earn CME credits, and savor a variety of refreshments and lunch at no cost, all while engaging in meaningful discussions.
- **Interactive Hands-On Opportunities:** Participate in a myositis ultrasound session (limited seating) and explore an informative poster session.
- **Comprehensive Learning & Expert Insights:** Gain valuable insights from leading experts in rheumatology, focusing on the latest advancements in the diagnosis and management of myositis. The conference agenda is tailored to address key topics relevant to your practice, providing practical tools and knowledge to improve patient outcomes.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow healthcare professionals to share experiences, challenges, and strategies in managing rheumatologic conditions.

Event Details:

- **Date:** December 14, 2024

- **Time:** 6:45 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Hilton Los Angeles Culver City

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and earn free CME credits—all at no cost! View the attached agenda for details on the expert-led lectures and engaging sessions. Seating is limited, so register now!

[Click here to register!](#)

DECEMBER 14, 2024 MYOSITIS SYMPOSIUM

Hilton Los Angeles Culver City

Speakers



Jemima Albayda MD, RhMSUS



Christina Charles-Schoeman, MD



Sangmee Sharon Bae, MD



Michelle Se Won Min, MD



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AGENDA

6:45 - 7:30 AM | Registration & Exhibits
Light Refreshments served

7:35 - 7:30 AM | Opening Remarks
Howard Yang, MD, SCRS President

7:30 - 8:10 AM | Myositis Imaging - MRI, PET Scan, and Ultrasound
Jemima Albayda MD, RhMSUS
Associate Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Rheumatology

8:10 - 8:45 AM | Hands-On Session
Myositis Ultrasound - Limited Seating

8:10 - 8:45 AM | Poster Session

8:45 - 9:45 AM | Breakfast Product Theater presented by UCB

9:45 - 10:00 AM | Exhibits/Networking`

10:00 -10:45 AM | Diagnosing Myositis: Is Antibody Enough To Avoid Biopsy?
Sangmee Sharon Bae, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCLA

10:45 - 11:30 AM | Skin Finding of Myositis and Management Strategy
Michelle Se Won Min, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology, UCI

11:30 - 11:45 AM | Exhibits/Networking

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM | Treatment and Beyond: Management of Myositis
Christina Charles-Schoeman, MD
Professor of Medicine, UCLA
Division Chief of Rheumatology, UCLA

12:30 - 1:30 PM | Lunch Product Theater presented by Sanofi

1:30 - 2:00 PM | Poster Awards & Closing Remarks
Howard Yang, MD, SCRS President

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What's Next?

Stay tuned for an update from SCRS President Dr. Howard Yang, as he shares key highlights from his recent experience at the ACR meeting. Learn how these discussions align with our goals to elevate care in rheumatology.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead and hope to see you at the Myositis Symposium!

Best regards,

Christina L. Chen, DO, RhMSUS
SCRS Chair of Member Communication

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- Section written by Dr. Howard Yang -

The 2024 ACR Convergence in Washington, D.C., showcased groundbreaking developments and research across the field of rheumatology. Key highlights included the release of the new **ACR Lupus Nephritis Guideline** (<https://rheumatology.org/press-releases/new-acr-guideline-summary-provides-guidance-to-screen-treat-and-manage-lupus-nephritis>), offering comprehensive recommendations for screening, treating, and managing lupus nephritis, emphasizing individualized patient care and evidence-based strategies.

Another milestone was the introduction of a new **ACR guidance paper on musculoskeletal ultrasound in the management of inflammatory arthritis**, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and psoriatic arthritis (PsA). This document provides clear recommendations on how ultrasound can enhance disease assessment and guide treatment decisions.



Dr. Veena Ranganath (course instructor for SCRS ultrasound course) presenting the new ACR guidance on MSK ultrasound for inflammatory arthritis at ACR Convergence 2024.

Exciting progress was also reported in Sjögren's disease research, with studies paving the way for new therapies. For the first time, the rheumatology community is optimistic about the imminent availability of disease-modifying medications for Sjögren's, offering hope to patients with this challenging condition.

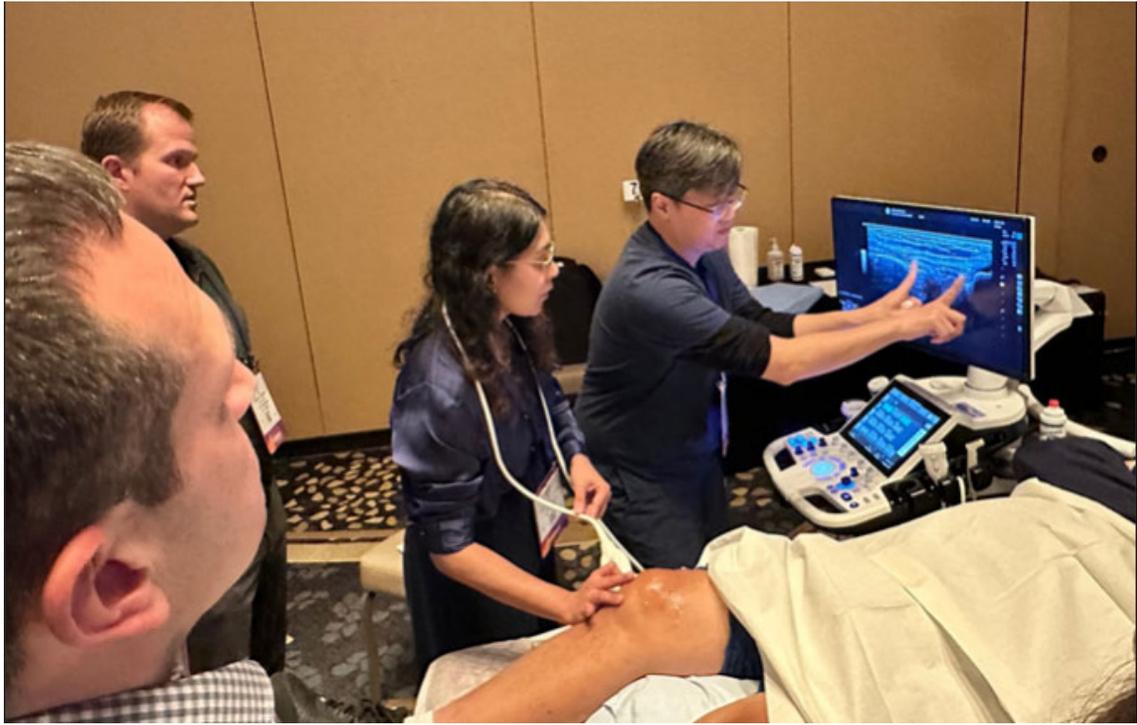


Dr. Howard Yang, moderating the ACR session on "Novel Imaging and Therapeutics in Sjögren's Syndrome."

The conference underscored the rapid advancements in rheumatology and the importance of collaboration among researchers, clinicians, and patients to improve outcomes and quality of life.



Instructors for the ACR Ultrasound Course at Convergence 2024.



Dr. Howard Yang, leading as an instructor during the ACR Ultrasound Course at Convergence 2024.



Dr. Howard Yang, Dr. Christina Downey, SCRS Program Chair, and Dr. David Bulbin at ACR President's Reception in National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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