Course Name: Rheumatology  
Course Director: Sheetal Desai, MD  

Academic Year: 2020-2021  

1. Course Director, Coordinator and General Administrative Information  

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DESCRIPTION  
The goal of this rotation is to provide 3rd and 4th-year students a closer look at musculoskeletal disorders and connective tissue diseases. Skill development in effective history taking in patients with complex musculoskeletal problems as well as basic and critical physical examination techniques to assess for the presence of arthritis will be stressed. Students will also have exposure and mentoring in arthrocentesis and joint injection. This elective is especially suited for students entering internal medicine, family medicine, emergency medicine and orthopedics.  

PREREQUISITES  
This course is intended for 3rd and 4th-year students enrolled in the undergraduate medical education program at University of California, Irvine School of Medicine (UCISOM).  

RESTRICTIONS  
This course is intended for 3rd and 4th-year students enrolled in the undergraduate medical education program at University of California, Irvine School of Medicine (UCISOM).  

Extramural students must be in the final year of undergraduate medical education and must take 4 weeks.
COURSE DIRECTOR
Dr. Desai has worked in higher education since 2007. She is the Program Director of the UC Irvine Rheumatology fellowship program and is the Interim Chief of the Division. She has a Master of Science in Medical Education from USC.

Alix Huynh is the course coordinator for 630L course.

INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST DAY

Who to Report to First Day: Rheumatology Fellow on call; the course coordinator will email the logistics for the first day.

Location to Report on First Day: UC Irvine Medical Center, 101 City Dr. South, Pavilion I, 2nd Floor, Orange, CA 92868

Time to Report on First Day: 8:30 AM

SITE: UC Irvine Medical Center

DURATION: 4 weeks

Scheduling Coordinator: UC Irvine students please call (714) 456-8462 to make a scheduling appointment.

Periods Available: The time of the course must be pre-approved by the elective director at least 3 months prior to the start of the course. No exceptions.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED: 1 per rotation

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR THE COURSE
Review the basics of the musculoskeletal examination that was taught in your first and second years of medical school.

COMMUNICATION WITH FACULTY
Questions about logistics should be directed to the Course Coordinator. Direct questions, comments, or concerns about the course can be directed to the Course Director. Contact information and office location are at the beginning of this document.

The Course Director is also available to meet in person. Please email course coordinator to arrange an appointment. To ensure that your email will not be lost in the large volume of email received, please use the following convention for the subject line:

SUBJECT: COURSE NAME, your last name, your issue (e.g. XXX, Smith, Request for appointment)
# 2. Course Objectives and Program Objective Mapping

The following are the learning objectives for the 630L course. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in these areas in order to satisfactorily complete the course. In addition, the extent of a student’s mastery of these objectives will help guide the course evaluation and grade.

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<th>Course Objective</th>
<th>Mapped UCI School of Medicine Program Objective</th>
<th>Sub Competency</th>
<th>General Competency</th>
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<td>Develop basic skills of musculoskeletal history taking, rheumatologic review of systems and proper techniques for joint palpation and assessment for arthritis.</td>
<td>B-2. The ability to competently perform a complete and organ-system-specific examination including a mental health status examination</td>
<td>Physical Exam</td>
<td>Skillful</td>
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<td>Participate in Rheumatology outpatient clinics at UCI and LBVA.</td>
<td>D-2. A commitment to patient care and to the well-being of patients and colleagues</td>
<td>Patient Care</td>
<td>Dutiful</td>
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<td>Participate in Rheumatology consult service at UCI.</td>
<td>D-1. A commitment to lifelong learning and independently seeking new knowledge and skills in their own recognized areas of learning deficit</td>
<td>Lifelong Learning</td>
<td>Dutiful</td>
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<td>Developed and deepened skills of differential diagnosis and basic management principles of common rheumatic disorders.</td>
<td>A-2. Knowledge of the pathogenesis of diseases, interventions for effective treatment, and mechanisms of health maintenance to prevent disease</td>
<td>Disease Pathogenesis and Treatment</td>
<td>Knowledgeable</td>
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<td>Developed increasing proficiency in organized bedside and clinic presentations of history, physical, laboratory, assessment and plans.</td>
<td>A-3. Knowledge of basic clinical skills required to meet the skills objectives, including interviewing, physical diagnosis, communication and</td>
<td>Basic Clinical Skills</td>
<td>Knowledgeable</td>
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3. Course Resources

**TEXTS AND READINGS: SUGGESTED**
Medstudy Rheumatology, available via email from course coordinator.

Rheum 2 Learn modules by the American College of Rheumatology, available to all on ACR website.

4. Major Exams, Assignments and Grading

**MANDATORY SESSIONS**

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<td>Daily Rheumatology clinics and inpatient rounds</td>
<td>Pavilion 1, 2nd floor</td>
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<td>UC Irvine Medical Center</td>
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<td>Weekly Rheumatology Grand Rounds</td>
<td>Thursdays at 1:30pm at City Tower 4th floor</td>
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MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS
There are no formal examinations. Medical Students are strongly encouraged to provide talks to the Rheumatology team on topics that are clinically relevant during their rotation.

GRADING
Medical Students are graded using the following scale: Honors (H), Pass (P), Fail (F), and Incomplete (I). For further information, please review the Grading Policy.

You have 30 days from the date of the grade to appeal any aspect of this grade. Please contact your Clerkship/course Director should you have any questions

Requirements for “Pass”: To receive a grade of Pass, students must demonstrate successful performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Requirements for “Honors”: To receive a grade of Honors, students must demonstrate exceptional performance all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Grounds for “Incomplete”: You will not be issued a grade until all elements of the course have been completed.

REMEDIATION
Remediation, if needed will be designed by the Course Director to suit the issue at hand.

Grounds for “Fail”: You will receive a grade of "Fail" if the requirements for passing the course have not been met. Please refer to the Grading Policy for the impact of the "Fail" grade to the transcript.