

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**UNDERGRADUATE**

<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Degree Received and Year</i>	<i>Major Subject</i>
10/1983-05/1988	University of the West Indies Kingston, Jamaica	M.B.,B.S. 1988	Medicine

**GRADUATE**

<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Degree Received and Year</i>	<i>Major Subject</i>
07/1991-06/1995	University of the West Indies Kingston, Jamaica	Doctor of Medicine 1995	Medicine

**POSTGRADUATE**

<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Degree Received and Year</i>	<i>Major Subject</i>
07/1998-06/2001	Georgetown University Washington, DC (Joan St. Onge, MD -Program Director)	2001	Internal Medicine Residency
07/1997-06/1998	University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, AL (Dennis Boulware, MD- Program Director)	1998	Rheumatology Research Fellowship
07/1995-06/1997	Georgetown University Washington, DC (Paul Katz, MD – Program Director)	1997	Rheumatology Fellowship

**APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS**

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Rank/Title</i>
<b>ACADEMIC</b>		
07/2010-05/2015	Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Associate Professor of Medicine
01/2003-07/2010	Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Assistant Professor of Medicine
10/2015-09/2016	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Visiting Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
09/2016-	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
<b>NON-ACADEMIC</b>		
05/2015 -	VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System Pittsburgh, PA	Chief, Division of Rheumatology
07/2001-05/2015	Washington DC VA Medical Center Washington, DC	Staff Rheumatologist

04/1990-09/1990	County Hospital Sangre Grande, Trinidad	House Officer in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine
10/1990-06/1991	General Hospital Port-of-Spain, Trinidad	House Officer in Internal Medicine

**CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

**SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION**

<i>Certifying Board</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Year</i>
American Board of Internal Medicine	Internal Medicine (199055)	2000, Recertified 2009, 2019 (Participating in Maintenance of Certification)
American Board of Internal Medicine	Rheumatology (199055)	2001, Recertified 2010 (Participating in Maintenance of Certification)

***Medical or Other Professional Licensing Board:***

<i>Licensing Board/State</i>		<i>Year</i>
Pennsylvania	MD455725	07/2015-12/31//2022
District of Columbia	MD32330	06/2000-12/31/2020
District of Columbia Certificate of Controlled Substance Registration	CS0212644	06/2000-12/31/2018
DEA	BR8254980	Expires: 04-30-2021
DEA (for VA Pittsburgh HCS)	FR5315519	Expires: 04-30-2021
Medical Council of Jamaica	65691	Expires: 12/2020

### Membership in Professional and Scientific Societies

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year</b>
American College of Physicians	1996-present
American College of Rheumatology	1996-present
International Society for Clinical Densitometry	2004-present
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research	2008-present

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### Honors and Awards

<b>Title of Award</b>	<b>Year</b>
Dan and Vera Hoyt Prize (Anatomy)	1984
Honors in Anatomy	1984
Honors in Biochemistry	1984

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. Omardeen F, Wharfe G, St. Omer L, **Richards JS**, Morgan OS; Cerebral sinovenous thrombosis in a patient with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria. WIMJ, 41: 31-33, 1992
2. Molina JF, Gutierrez-Urena S, Molina J, Uribe O, **Richards S**, DeCeulaer C, Garcia C, Wilson WA, Gharavi AE, Espinoza L. Variability of anticardiolipin antibody isotype distribution in 3 geographic populations of patients with SLE. J rheum 24: 291-296, 1997
3. Barrow KO, **Richards JS**. Ramsey Hunt Syndrome Complicated by contralateral Cerebral Infarction. WIMJ 45: 127, 1997
4. **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Nashel DJ. Odontoid erosions in Rheumatoid Arthritis. Utility of the open mouth view. J Clin Rheumatol 6: 309-312, 2000
5. Ruiz ME, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Kan VL. *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* Septic Arthritis. Arthritis rheum 48: 1156-57, 2003
6. **Richards JS**. The Global Impact of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Ethn Dis 13:175-77, 2003.
7. **Richards JS**, Young HA, DeSagun R, Kerr GS. Elderly African American and Caucasian Men are Infrequently Screened for Osteoporosis. JNMA 97:714-717,2005
8. Mikuls TR, Kazi S, Cipher D, Hooker R, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Cannon GW. The Association of Race and Ethnicity with Disease expression in Male US Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. J Rheumatol 34(7);1480-1484, 2007

9. **Richards JS**, Amdur R, Kerr GS. Osteoporosis Risk Factor Assessment Increases the Appropriate Use of Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry in Males and Reduces Ethnic Disparity. *J Clin Rheumatol* 14(1):1-5, 2008
10. Michaud K, Mikuls TR, Call SE, Reimold AM, Hooker R, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Kaplan L, Cannon GW. Poor to Modest Agreement between Rheumatoid Arthritis Response Measures in Clinical Practice *Clin Exp Rheumatol* 2009;27(4):633-40
11. **Richards JS**, Peng J, Amdur RL, Mikuls TR, Hooker RS, Michaud K, Reimold AM, Cannon GW, Caplan L, Johnson D, Hines AE, Kerr GS. Dual-Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry and Evaluation of the Osteoporosis Self-Assessment Tool in Men with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *J Clin Densitom.*2009;12(4):434-40
12. Dissick A, Redman RS, Jones M, Rangan BV, Reimold A, Griffiths GR, Mikuls TR, Amdur RL, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS. Association of Periodontitis with Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Pilot Study. *J Periodontol.* 2010;81(2):223-30
13. Miriovsky BJ, Michaud K, Thiele GM, O'Dell JR, Cannon GW, Kerr G, **Richards JS**, Johnson D, Caplan L, Reimold A, Hooker R, Mikuls TR. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2010; 69(7):1292-7
14. Mikuls TR, Fay BT, Michaud K, Sales H, Thiele GM, Caplan L, Johnson D, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Cannon GW, Reimold A. Associations of Disease Activity and Treatments with Mortality in Men with Rheumatoid Arthritis: Results from the VARA Registry. *Rheumatology (Oxford)* 2011;50(1):101-9.
15. Kerr GS, Sabahi I, **Richards JS**, Caplan L, Cannon GW, Reimold A, Thiele GM, Johnson D, Mikuls TR Prevalence of Vitamin D Insufficiency/Deficiency in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Associations with Disease Severity and Activity.. *J Rheumatol* 2011;38(1):53-59
16. Mikuls TR, Gould KA, Bynote KK, Yu F, Levan TD, Thiele GM, Michaud KD, O'Dell JR, Reimold AM, Hooker R, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Kerr, G, Richards JS, Cannon GW, Criswell LA, Noble JA, Bridges SL Jr, Hughes L, Gregersen PK. Anti-Citrullinated Protein Antibody (ACPA) in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Influence of an Interaction Between HLA-DRB1 shared epitope and a deletion polymorphism in glutathione S-Transferase in a Cross-Sectional Study.. *Arthritis Res Ther.* 2010 Nov 18;12(6)R213.
17. Cannon GW, Mikuls TR, Hayden CL, Ying J, Curtis JR, Reimold AM, Caplan L, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Johnson GS, Sauer BC. Merging Veterans Affairs and pharmacy data to assess Methotrexate adherence and disease activity in clinical practice. *Arthritis Care Res* 2011, Dec; 63(12); 1680-90.
18. **Richards JS**, Cannon GW, Hayden CL, Amdur RL, Lazaro D, Mikuls TR, Reimold AM, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Schwab P, Cherascu BN, Kerr GS. Adherence with bisphosphonate therapy in US veterans with Rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis Care Res.* 2012;64(12):1864-70.
19. Caplan L, Davis LA, Bright CM, Kerr GS, Lazaro DM, Khan NA, **Richards JS**, Johnson DS, Cannon GW, Reimold AM, Mikuls TR. Body Mass Index and the rheumatoid arthritis swollen joint count: An observational study. *Arthritis Care Res* 2013;65(1):101-106.

20. Mikuls TR, Padala PR, Sayles HR, Yu F, Michaud K, Caplan L, Kerr GS, Reimold AM, Cannon GW, **Richards JS**, Reimold A, Lazaro D, Thiele GM, Boscarino JA. A prospective study of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and disease activity outcomes in us veterans with rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis Care Res* 2013;65(2): 227-34.
21. **Richards JS**, Lazzari AA, Teves Qualler DA, Desale S, Howard R, Kerr GS. Validation of the Osteoporosis Self Assessment Tool in US Male Veterans.. *J Clin Densiton.* 2014;17(1):32-7
22. Davis LA, Cannon GW, Pointer LF, Haverhals LM, Wolff EK, Mikuls TR, Reimold AM, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Johnson DS, Valuck R, Prochazka A, Caplan L. Cardiovascular events are not associated with MTHFR polymorphisms, but are associated with methotrexate use and traditional risk factors in US Veterans with rheumatoid arthritis. *J Rheumatol* 2013;40(6):809-17
23. Davis LA, Whitfield E, Cannon GW, Wolff RK, Johnson DS, Reimold AM, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Mikuls TR, Caplan L. Association of rheumatoid arthritis susceptibility gene with lipid profiles in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.. *Rheumatology (Oxford).* 2014;53:1014-21
24. Kerr G, Aujero M, **Richards J**, Sayles H, Davis L, Cannon G, Caplan L, Michaud K, Mikuls T. Associations of hydroxychloroquine use with lipid profiles in rheumatoid arthritis: Pharmacologic implications. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)* 2014 Nov;66(11):1619-26
25. Patel R, Mikuls TR, **Richards JS**, Kerr G, Cannon GW, Baker JF. Disease characteristics and treatment patterns in veterans with rheumatoid arthritis and concomitant hepatitis C infection. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken).* 2015 Apr;67(4):467-74
26. Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Nunziato CA, Patterson OV, DuVall SL, Aujero M, Maron D, Amdur R. Measuring physician adherence with gout quality indicators: a role for natural language processing.. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken).* 2015 Feb;67(2):273-9
27. Quinanos I, Luong PT, Bobba S, **Richards JS**, Majithia V, Davis LA, Caplan L. Validation of disease activity and functional status questionnaires in spondyloarthritis. *Clin Exp Rheumatol.* 2015;33(2):146-52
28. **Richards JS**, Dowell SM, Quinones ME, Kerr GS. How to use biologic agents in patients with rheumatoid arthritis who have comorbid disease.. *BMJ* 2015 Aug 17;351:h3658. Doi: 10.1136/bmj.h3658
29. Kerr GS, Qaiyumi S, **Richards J**, Vahabzadeh-Monshie H, Kindred C, Whelton S, Constantinescu F. Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis in African-American patients--the need to measure disease burden. *Clin Rheumatol.* 2015 Oct;34(10):1753-9
30. Matsumoto RA, England BR, Mastarone G, **Richards JS**, Chang E, Wood PR, Barton JL. Rheumatology Clinicians' Perceptions of Telerheumatology Within the Veterans Health Administration: A National Survey Study *Mil Med* 2020; Aug 13;usaa203. doi: 1093/milmed/usaa.203

**Book Chapters**

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2. Sabahi I, **Richards JS**, Mikuls TR, Reimold A, Cannon GW, Johnson D, Caplan L, Kerr GS. Association of cardiovascular disease with the metabolic syndrome in a male cohort with rheumatoid arthritis. In: Lazinec A ed. *Rheumatoid Arthritis: Book I*. Rijeka: Intech, Chapter 13: 235-244, 2011
3. Richards JS, Dowell S, Quinones M. Anti-Rheumatic Therapy and Comorbidity. *Comorbidity in Rheumatic Diseases*. Ed. El Miedany, Y. Pub. Springer, 2017

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2. Molina JF, Garcia CO, Gutierrez S, Doggett S, Wilson WA, Gharavi AE, Espinoza LR, Molina J, Uribe O, **Richards S**, DeCeulaer CH. Variability of anticardiolipin isotype distribution in 3 geographic populations of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. *Arthritis Rheum* 39;9:s514, 1996
3. **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Nashel DJ. The utility of the open mouth odontoid radiograph in rheumatoid atlanto-axial disease. *Arthritis Rheum* 40;9,s1568, 1997.
4. **Richards JS**, Alarcón GS, Roseman JM, McGwin G, Friedman AW, Baethge B, Reveille JD for the LUMINA Study Group. Predictors of disease activity over time in SLE patients from three ethnic groups. *Arthritis Rheum* 41;9,s430, 1998.
5. Alarcón GS, Roseman JM, McGwin G, Friedman AW, Moulds JM, Lisse J, **Richards JS**, Straaton KV, Reveille JD for the LUMINA Study Group. Predictors of damage early in SLE among patients from three ethnic groups. *Arthritis Rheum* 41;9,s432, 1998.
6. **Richards JS**, Ruiz ME, Kerr GS, Kan V. *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* Septic Arthritis. *Arthritis Rheum* 46;9,s64, 2002.
7. **Richards JS**, Kerr GS. Osteoporosis risk factor assessment removes ethnic differences in the use of dual energy x-ray absorptiometry. *Arthritis Rheum* 52(9); s1062, 2005
8. Dames SR, Mikuls TR, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Kazi S, Luciano AM, Hooker RS, Cannon GW. Ability of DAS-28 and MD-HAQ to identify "clinical stability" during the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 52 (12); F 21, 2005
9. **Richards JS**, Kerr GS. Osteoporosis Risk Factor Assessment increases utility of dual energy X-ray absorptiometry in males. *West Indian Med J* 54: s4; 4-2, 2005

10. Dames SR, Mikuls TR, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Hooker R, Kazi S, Cannon GW. Utility of Disease Activity Score-28 (DAS-28) For Determining Need For DMARD Change In Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis (VARA) Patients: An Analysis Of Discrepancies Between DAS-28 Scores And Clinical Stability Status. *Arthritis rheum* 54(9):s340, 2006
11. Kazi S, Hooker RS, Cipher DJ, Luciano AM, Dames SR, Cannon GW, Mikuls TR, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**. Association of Race/Ethnicity with Extra-Articular Features, Measures of Disease Activity and Severity in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Results from the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis (VARA) Registry. *Arthritis rheum* 54(9): s370, 2006
12. **Richards JS**, Peng J, Cipher D, Rangan B, Hooker RS, Mikuls T, Cannon GW, Kazi S, Kerr G. Validation of the Osteoporosis Self-Assessment Tool in Men with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 56(9):s1567, 2007
13. Kerr G, Sabahi I, **Richards JS**, Rangan B, Hooker R, Cipher D, Mikuls T. Prevalence of Metabolic Syndrome in US Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 56(9):s1008, 2007
14. Hooker RS, Cipher DJ, Rangan BV, Kazi S, Mikuls T, Cannon GW, Kerr G, **Richards JS**. Determinants of mortality Risk among Males with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 56(9):s984, 2007
15. Call S, Cipher D, Hooker R, Kazi S, Mikuls T, Kerr G, **Richards JS**, Cannon GW. Real-Time Assessment of Disease Activity I Rheumatoid Arthritis (RADARA): Use of Threshold Criteria Improves Specificity of Composite Clinical Outcome Measures. *Arthritis rheum* 56(9):s1811, 2007
16. Pittman CB, Joseph AM, Mody A, Gutierrez E, Ali Z, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Reimold A, Rangan BV, Hooker R, McTigue J, Edwards L, Robinson N, Eisen S, Fimmel C, Kanwal F, Ranganathan P. Safety of anti-TNF Therapy in RA Patients with Hepatitis C. *Arthritis rheum* 56(12);sF76, 2007
17. Dissick A, Redman RS, Jones M, Rangan BV, Griffiths GR, Amdur RL, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS. Increased Periodontal Disease in US Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Ann rheum Dis* 2008;67(Suppl II):165
18. Dissick A, Redman RS, Jones M, Rangan BV, Reimold A, Griffiths GR, Mikuls TR, Amdur RL, **Richards JS**, Gail S, Kerr GS. Increased Periodontal Disease in US Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s285
19. Mikuls TR, Michaud KD, Thiele GM, O'Dell JR, Cannella AC, Reimold AM, Hooker RS, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Cannon GW, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**. The Association of Cigarette Smoking with Disease Expression in US Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s290
20. **Richards JS**, Sabahi I, Amdur RL, Kerr GS. DC Ten Year Probability of Hip Fracture Risk in a Cohort of Elderly Male Veterans. *Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s1566



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22. Lazzari AA, Dussault PM, Thakore T, Davis SA, **Richards JS**. Decreased Sensitivity of Posterior-Anterior (PA) DXA Scans in Older Men is Related to Degenerative Artifacts and Pathology Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s1568
23. Cannon GW, Michaud KD, Call SE, Reimold AM, Hooker R, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Mikuls TR. Discrepancies in Rheumatoid Arthritis Response Measures In Clinical Practice: Comparison of Difference in EULAR, ACR20, and Real Time Assessment of Disease Activity in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RADARA) Arthritis. *Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s1604
24. Mikuls TR, Michaud KD, Thiele GM, O'Dell JR, Cannella AC, Reimold AM, Hooker RS, Caplan L, Johnson DS, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Cannon GW. Implications of Discordance between Anti-CCP Antibody and Rheumatoid Factor. *Arthritis. Arthritis rheum* 2008;58(9);s1614
25. Mirovsky B, Michaud KD, Thiele GM, O'Dell JR, Cannon GW, Kerr, GS, **Richards JS**, Johnson DS, Caplan L, Reimold AM, Hooker RS, Mikuls TR. Associations of Anti-CCP and rheumatoid factor concentrations with future disease activity in rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2009;60(10):s332
26. Mikuls TR, Gould KA, Bynote KK, Yu F, LeVan TD, Thiele GM, Michaud KD, O'Dell JR, Reimold AM, Hooker RS, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Criswell LA, Gregersen PK, Cannon GW. GSTM1, HLA-DRB1, and smoking interactions suggest a role for oxidative stress in the pathogenesis of ACPA-Positive Rheumatoid Arthritis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2009;60(10):s376
27. Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Vahabzadeh-Monshie H, Kindred C, Sabahi I, Treherne A, Alpert MD, Cohen G, Amdur R. Psoriatic arthritis in a diverse ethnic cohort. *Arthritis Rheum* 2009;60(10):s528
28. Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Mikuls TR, Sabahi I, Reimold AM, Cannon GW, Johnson DS, Caplan L. Prevalence and Determinants of Vitamin D Insufficiency/Deficiency in US Veterans with rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2009;60(10):s599
29. Cannon GW, Sauer BC, Hayden CL, Reimold AM, Hooker RS, Kerr, GS, **Richards JS**, Caplan L, Johnson DS, Mikuls TR. Utilization of VA Pharmacy Benefits Management Data and the VA Rheumatoid Arthritis Database to demonstrate reduced disease activity in rheumatoid arthritis patients adherent with methotrexate. *Arthritis Rheum* 2009;60(10):s1398
30. Davis LA, Cannon GW, Wolff R, Haverhals L, Mikuls TR, Reimold AM, Kerr GS, **Richards JS**, Johnson DS, Caplan L. Polymorphisms in the Folate Metabolism Gene MTHFR (C677T and A1298C) are not Associated with Methotrexate Adherence: Findings from the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis (VARA) Registry. *Arthritis Rheum* 2010;62(10):s397

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37. Martes MP, Erickson A, Mikuls TR, Mann AD, Caplan L, Johnson DS, **Richards JS**, Kerr GS, Reimold AM, Cannon GW. Discrepancies Between Expert Reading and Standard Radiograph Report in Identifying Bony Erosions and Joint Space Narrowing in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis in the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis Registry. *Arthritis Rheum* 2011;63(10):s2140
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50. Cannon GW, Rogas J, Bell N, Baker J, Kerr GS, Gaffo, A, **Richards JS**, Barton J, Schwab P, Mikuls TR, Singh N, Caplan L, Lazaro D, Reimold A, Sauer B. An electronic Audit, Reporting, and Data correction System Improves the Quantity and Quality of Observational Data Collected for US Veterans Enrolled in the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis Registry. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL. S2857
51. O'Connor A, Baker J, England BR, Sauer BC, Cannon GW, **Richards JS**. Variation in Predictors of Patient and Physician Defined Flares in Rheumatoid Arthritis. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL. S2872
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Mikuls and Bryant England. Associations of Self-Reported Inhalant Exposures with Autoantibodies and Disease Severity in U.S. Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, GA. S 191

### ***Other Publications***

1. DXA in Male Patients are Requested Mainly by Specialty Physicians International Society for Clinical Densitometry Annual Meeting January 28 – 31, 2004, Miami, FL
  2. Bone Densitometry Scans are Infrequently Requested in Male Patients International Society for Clinical Densitometry Annual Meeting January 28 – 31, 2004, Miami, FL
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### **Professional Activities**

#### ***Invited Speaker:***

1. Bisphosphonates in Osteoarthritis –  
Second Annual VA Rheumatology Symposium  
Phoenix, AZ, May 16-18, 2003,
2. Management of Difficult Osteoarthritis  
National Medical Association 2003 Convention and Scientific Symposium Philadelphia, PA, July 31-August 5, 2003,
3. SLE: Evolving Therapy  
University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD, November 12, 2003,
4. Osteoporosis: Men Get it Too  
Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, VA, January 24, 2004
5. Osteoporosis and the Veterans Health Administration  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual VA Rheumatology Symposium, Santa Barbara, CA, April 3, 2004,
6. Family Practice Board Review: Rheumatology  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual update and Intensive Review for Primary Care Physicians, Washington, DC, June 11, 2004,
7. Interpretation of Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry Scans  
National Medical Association 2004 Convention and Scientific Symposium, San Diego, CA, August 2, 2004
8. Seronegative Spondyloarthritis: Recent Advances  
National Medical Association 2004 Convention and Scientific Symposium, San Diego, CA, August 3, 2004

9. Collagen Vascular Diseases, Osteoarthritis and Low Back Pain  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual Update and Intensive Review for Primary Care Physicians, Washington, DC June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005
10. Osteoporosis Update  
National Medical Association 2005 Convention and Scientific Meeting,, New York, NY July 25, 2005
11. Osteoporosis Insensitivity to a Treatable Disease  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium of Consultant Physicians of Jamaica, September 10, 2005=
12. Cardiac Disease in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Howard University Rheumatology Symposium, Washington, DC April 22, 2006
13. Biologics: Other Non-Rheumatoid Diseases and Potential Uses  
National Medical Association Annual convention and Scientific Meeting, Dallas, TX August 7, 2006
14. Osteoporosis Insensitivity to a Treatable Disease  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Howard University Rheumatology Symposium, Washington, DC April 2007
15. Osteoporosis in Early Prevention and Diagnosis in African Americans  
National American Medical Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI August, 2007
16. Screening African Americans for Osteoporosis  
American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA November, 2007
17. Hyperuricemia: The 6<sup>th</sup> Vital Sign  
Howard University Third Annual Rheumatology Symposium, Washington, DC April 19, 2008
18. Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis Registry  
University of the West Indies 9<sup>th</sup> International Reunion Conference, Ocho Rios, Jamaica July 13, 2008
19. Osteoporosis: Fracture Reduction and Management  
National Medical Association, Atlanta, GA July 27, 2008
20. Osteoporosis in Rheumatic Disease  
St. Lucia Medical and Dental Association/ St. Lucia Arthritis and Lupus Association/ University of the West Indies hope Foundation CME Conference, Saint Lucia, September 27, 2008
21. Ethnic Differences in SLE  
St. Lucia Medical and Dental Association/ St. Lucia Arthritis and Lupus Association/ University of the West Indies hope Foundation CME Conference, Saint Lucia, September 28, 2008
22. Vitamin D Deficiency in Rheumatic Disease  
Howard University Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Washington DC, February 24, 2009=
23. Vitamin D Deficiency in Rheumatic Disease  
Howard University Fourth Annual Rheumatology Symposium, Washington, DC April 18, 2009

24. Vitamin D in Rheumatic Disease  
Rheumatology Grand Rounds Georgetown University, Washington, DC April 22, 2009
25. Osteoporosis; Choices, Choices, Choices Howard University 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rheumatology Symposium Washington, DC, April 17, 2010
26. Osteoporosis Screening Tools 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Veterans Affairs Rheumatology Consortium Meeting St. Louis, MO, April 30, 2010
27. Gout, Osteoporosis, Osteomyelitis and Paget's Disease Musculoskeletal Forum  
Veterans Benefits Administration August 10, 2010
28. Osteoporosis. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rheumatology Symposium  
Howard University, Washington DC April 16, 2011.
29. Real Men Get Osteoporosis  
Caribbean Rheumatology Association Meeting , Barbados, June 2, 2011.
30. Therapy for Gout: From Autumn Crocus to Pegloticase and Beyond  
Caribbean Rheumatology Association Meeting, Barbados, June 3, 2011.
31. Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Multisystem Disease with Multiple Comorbidities  
General Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Georgetown University  
Washington, DC, November 22, 2011
32. Osteoporosis Cases 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rheumatology Symposium  
Howard University, Washington DC, April 14, 2012
33. Uveitis in Spondyloarthritis  
Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Guadeloupe, April 28, 2012
34. Hyperuricemia: the 6<sup>th</sup> Vital Sign  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual rheumatology Symposium  
Howard University, Washington, DC, April, 20<sup>th</sup> 2013
35. Chronic Kidney Disease in RA  
Fall VARA Meeting  
University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE, September 10, 2013
35. Gout: Think cure not Pain Control  
9<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Austin Rheumatology Symposium

- Howard University, Washington DC, April 12, 2014
36. Management of Osteoporosis: Bridging the Gaps in Therapy  
Internal Medicine Grand Rounds,  
Howard University Washington, DC January 27, 2015
  37. Chronic Renal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  38. Gout: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Management of an Ancient Disease  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  39. Workshop: Shared Care for Rheumatoid Arthritis in the Caribbean  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Willemstad, Curacao, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  40. Gout and Other Crystalline Arthropathies  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Willemstad, Curacao, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  41. Veterans Affairs Rheumatology Study Group  
American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA  
November 5, 2017
  42. Telemedicine: Expanding Access to Rheumatologists in the Caribbean  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Saint Lucia, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  43. Gout  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Association for Rheumatology Meeting  
Saint Lucia, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  44. Veterans Affairs Study Group: Clinical Pharmacy Specialists  
American College of Rheumatology Annual scientific Meeting

Chicago, IL October 23, 2018

45. Veterans Affairs Study Group: Mission Act. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting. Atlanta, GA, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

46. Telehealth in Rheumatology  
Caribbean Association for Rheumatology , Barbados, May 15, 2020  
(Cancelled secondary to COVID-19 Pandemic)

***Annual Didactic Lectures to Medical Students***

1. Inflammatory and Autoimmune Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System, Howard University, Washington DC, Annually in May 2003 - 2004
2. Autoimmune Diseases, Howard University, Washington, DC Annually in October 2003 – 2011
3. Inflammatory Disease Georgetown University Annually May 2003 – 2009
4. 1st & 2nd Year Med Student Course – Intro Physical Exam, Basic Musculoskeletal Exams University of Pittsburgh December 4, 2015, December 2, 2016, December 2017, November 30, 2018
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Med Student Course – Skin & Musculoskeletal Diseases University of Pittsburgh December 16, 2015; December 21, 2016, December 15, 2017
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Immunology in Health and Disease PBL February 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

***Annual Didactic Lectures to Georgetown Rheumatology Fellows***

1. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
2001 – 2003
2. Osteoporosis  
2003 - 2009
3. Crystalline Arthropathies  
2005 - 2008
4. Osteoarthritis  
2009 – 2014
5. Interpretation of Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry Scans  
2009

***Annual Didactic Lectures to University of Pittsburgh Rheumatology Fellows***

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus                      September 2015 February 2017



Osteoporosis September 2016, September 2017, September 2018, September 2019, July 31,2020

Spondyloarthritis July 24,2020

Physical examination of the Back and Spine July 10, 2020

***Annual Didactic Lectures to University of Pittsburgh Internal Medicine residents***

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus September 2016

Rheumatoid Arthritis comorbidities December 2018

***Lectures to Georgetown Gastroenterology Fellows:***

1. Rheumatic Manifestations of Gastrointestinal Diseases VA Medical Center Washington DC

***Lectures to University of Pittsburgh Fetal and Maternal Health Fellows:***

2. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Magee Women's Hospital Pittsburgh, PA 2015

***Supervision in Clinic***

1. Georgetown University 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year fellows Rheumatology Clinic, Monday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

2001-2015

2. Internal Medicine Residents from Georgetown, George Washington and Howard Universities, Rheumatology Clinic Monday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

2001-2015

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Medical Students from Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Rheumatology Clinic Monday 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

2009 – 2015

4. University of Pittsburgh 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year fellows Rheumatology Clinic, Monday 8:00AM – 12:30 PM, Tuesday 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM and Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

***Rheumatology Teaching Rounds***

Rheumatology Teaching Rounds with Georgetown Fellows at the Washington DC VA Medical Center for 1 – 2 hours 5 days/per week, 7 months per year

2001-2015

Rheumatology Teaching Rounds with University of Pittsburgh Fellows at the Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health Care System for 1 – 2 hours 5 days/per week, 30 weeks per year

2015- present

Rheumatology Teaching Rounds with University of Pittsburgh Fellows and Internal Medicine Residents at UPMC, Presbyterian Hospital for 2 - 4 hours 7 days/per week, 2 weeks per year

2015- present

**Internal Medicine Teaching Rounds**

Internal Medicine Teaching Rounds with Georgetown and George Washington University Internal Medicine Residents and Interns

6 weeks / year -2001 – 2004

4 weeks / year -2005 – 2008

2 weeks /year -2009 – 2015

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**RESEARCH**

**Grants**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Role in Project</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Evaluation of a Highly Sensitive Assay for C-Reactive Protein in Men with Osteoarthritis	PI	2003	Pfizer	\$35,000
Validation of the Osteoporosis Self-Assessment in Men	PI	2005	Merck	\$51,388

**Clinical Trials**

2012 – Observational Study of the Use of Krystexxa (pegloticase) in Adult Hyperuricemic Patients with Gout Refractory to Conventional therapy. **Sponsor:** Savient Pharmaceuticals Inc. **Role:** Sub-Investigator

2007 - Rheumatoid Arthritis: Comparison of Active therapies in Patients with Active Disease Despite Methotrexate Therapy. **Sponsor:** Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program; **Role:** Sub-Investigator

2006 – Randomized Multicenter, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled Efficacy and Safety Study of 8 mg PEG-Uricase in two Dose Regimens in Hyperuricemic Subjects with Symptomatic Gout. **Sponsor:** Savient Pharmaceuticals Inc. **Role:** Sub-Investigator

2006 – Multicenter, Open-Label Extension Study of 8mg PEG-Uricase in subjects who completed protocols C0405 or C0406 for Symptomatic Gout. **Sponsor:** Savient Pharmaceuticals Inc. **Role:** Sub-Investigator

2017 - Comparative Effectiveness in Gout: Allopurinol vs. Febuxostat. **Sponsor:** Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program. **Role:** Site PI

**LIST of Current Research Interests**

Rheumatoid Arthritis: associations with progression of renal disease in the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis (VARA) Registry

Spondylarthritis: Associations of anterior uveitis in the Program to Understand the Long-Term Outcomes of Spondylarthritis (PULSAR) Veterans Affairs Registry

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**SERVICE**

***University and Medical School***

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Years</i></b>
Georgetown Faculty Advisory Committee	2003-2009
University of Pittsburgh Rheumatology Fellows Education Committee	2015-

***Veterans Affairs Medical Center***

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Years</i></b>
Research and Development Committee	2005-2011
Integrated Ethics Committee	2008-2015
Veterans Affairs Rheumatology Field Advisory Committee	2010-present
Vice Chair, Veterans Affairs Rheumatology Consortium	2016-
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System IRB Member	January 2019 -

***American College of Rheumatology***

Committee on Quality of Care	11/2020 – 11/2023
Co-Chair of Abstract Selection Committee – Rheumatoid Arthritis – Small Molecules, Biologics and Gene therapy	2016, 2017, 2018
Co-Moderator of Abstract Session: rheumatoid Arthritis – Small Molecules, Biologics and Gene Therapy III at American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington DC	11/15/2016
Co-Moderator of Abstract Session: Rheumatoid Arthritis – Small Molecules, Biologics and Gene Therapy III: Biosimilars Therapy at American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA	11/07/2017

Co-Moderator of Abstract Session: Rheumatoid Arthritis - 10/23/2018  
Treatments IV: Strategy at American College of Rheumatology  
Annual scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL

Co-Moderator of Abstract Session: Rheumatoid Arthritis - 10/24/2018  
Disease Manifestations, and Outcomes at American College  
of Rheumatology Annual scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL

***Food and Drug Administration***

FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee Member 10/01/2017 – 09/30/2021

***Journal Service***

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Dove Medical Press* 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Viral Hepatitis* 2016

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved* 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016

Ad hoc Reviewer *Journal of Clinical Densitometry* 2015, 2020

Ad hoc Reviewer, *The British Medical Journal* 2015

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism* 2015

Ad hoc Reviewer, *The Open Rheumatology Journal* 2016

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Arthritis Care and Research* 2016, 2017, 2018

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Osteoporosis International* 2018, 2021

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Disorders* 2018

Ad hoc Reviewer, *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders* 2018. 2019