

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT: TAKING CARE OF OUR PATIENTS

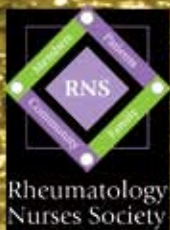
# Las Vegas

## 2009



THE 2<sup>nd</sup> RNS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JULY 30 – AUGUST 2, 2009 ♦ FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS, LAS VEGAS, NV



# THE RNS SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Flamingo Las Vegas, 3555 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109 ♦ July 30 – August 2, 2009

The Rheumatology Nurses Society (RNS) Second Annual Conference will be a unique educational experience. It will include workshops, exhibits, peer networking, didactic sessions, and more. The conference encompasses the most comprehensive and cutting edge rheumatologic topics affecting patients to date.

## *Target Audience*

The RNS annual conference is designed for rheumatology nurses and rheumatology healthcare professionals.

## *Learning Objectives*

Participants will be able to

- ♦ Foster an environment that enhances personal and professional growth
- ♦ Discuss practice efficacy related to rheumatology nursing
- ♦ Develop new skills to improve educational outcomes
- ♦ Network with peers on issues of common concern
- ♦ Discuss trends, issues, and updates in rheumatology nursing practice
- ♦ Discuss updates on lupus
- ♦ Discuss three major treatment strategies used to manage gouty inflammation
- ♦ Determine the current classification scheme for the vasculitis syndromes
- ♦ Identify common vasculitis mimics
- ♦ Integrate new data on treatments for RA into practice

## *Contact Hours*

An application has been submitted to the Georgia Nurses Association for approval of 15.0 contact hours. Please call Leslie Long at the RNS National Office, 877-537-3535, for more information.

## *Exhibitors*

One group of professionals worth cultivating is exhibitors. Representatives from a variety of companies and organizations will be on hand to answer your questions and demonstrate their products. You will learn about the latest products and services for rheumatology nurses, and your practice will benefit from having a productive relationship with industry representatives who keep you informed of developments in education, technology, pharmaceuticals, software, publications, and other products and services.

## *Hotel*

The Flamingo Las Vegas is located on the famous four corners of Las Vegas Boulevard and Flamingo Road. This self-contained hotel and casino offers everything an adventurous guest could want including a wildlife habitat and a 15-acre Caribbean-style water playground. The Flamingo combines heart-pounding Las Vegas excitement with hospitality and service that is second to none. It offers everything from a fabulous spa to award-winning golf for your stay on the famous Strip. A 24-hour, automated business center, Internet Junction, meets your needs including computer, Internet and e-mail access, a laptop port printer, a copier, and fax machine. The Flamingo has complimentary valet and self-parking available for hotel guests.

During your free time you may travel on the fabulous Las Vegas monorail or the Flamingo's free shuttle that takes you to all the Las Vegas resorts. Visit sister properties, Caesars Palace, Paris Las Vegas, Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino, and Harrah's Las Vegas on the Strip.

Nearby Las Vegas attractions and their distance from the Flamingo Las Vegas are:

- ♦ Fountains of Bellagio (0.7 miles)
- ♦ Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens (0.7 miles)
- ♦ The Atomic Testing Museum (1.4 miles)
- ♦ Circus Acts at Circus Circus Hotel, Casino, and Theme Park (2.2 miles)
- ♦ Arts Factory (3.6 miles)
- ♦ Ethel M Chocolates Factory & Cactus Garden (8.6 miles)

For more attractions in Las Vegas, go to <http://www.visitlasvegas.com/vegas/index.jsp>

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## Thursday, July 30, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Registration  
 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Cyber Café  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. .... Preconference Workshop  
*Basic Rheumatology for Nurses*  
 Elizabeth Grace, RN
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. .... Poster Set Up  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. .... Annual Membership Meeting  
 (open to all attendees)  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. .... Grand Opening of Exhibits  
 in Exhibit Hall

## Friday, July 31, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... Registration  
 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. .... Continental Breakfast  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Cyber Café  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Posters Open  
 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. .... Welcome/Introductions  
 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. .... Keynote/Opening Session  
*Immunology 101*  
 Hillary Norris, PhD
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. .... Exhibit Hall Open  
 9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. .... Break With Exhibitors  
 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... General Session I  
*Medical Management of the Patient With Fibromyalgia*  
 Dan Clauw, MD  
*Psychosocial Management of the Patient With Fibromyalgia*  
 David Williams, PhD
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. .... Lunch Provided  
 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. .... Concurrent Session I
- A. *Approach to the Diagnosis of Systemic Vasculitis*  
 Stuart Levine, MD
- B. *Basic Infusion 101: Room Management of Infusion*  
 Ranit Shriky, BA
- C. *Interpreting and Applying Evidence-Based Research Into Rheumatology Practice*  
 Nicole Furfaro, MSN, ARNP
- D. *Rheumatology Laboratory Interpretation and Management*  
 Ruth Bush, MSN, ARNP-BC
- 2:35 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. .... Concurrent Session II
- A. *Approach to the Diagnosis of Systemic Vasculitis*  
 Stuart Levine, MD
- B. *Basic Infusion 101: Room Management of Infusion*  
 Ranit Shriky, BA
- C. *Interpreting and Applying Evidence-Based Research Into Rheumatology Practice*  
 Nicole Furfaro, MSN, ARNP
- D. *Rheumatology Laboratory Interpretation and Management*  
 Ruth Bush, MSN, ARNP-BC
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. .... Ask the Experts
1. *Biologic Agents: Intravenous Administration and Management of Infusion Reactions*—Vanessa Hill, RN
  2. *Clinical Trials*—Sheree Carter, MSN, RN
  3. *Developing SOPs*—Robin Gawlik, RN
  4. *Rheumatology/Pharmacology*—Elizabeth Grace, RN
  5. *How to Submit a Poster Presentation*
  6. *Treating the Lupus Patient*—Winn Chatham, MD
  7. *Vasculitis Grab Bag*—Stuart Levine, MD
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Exhibit Hall Open

- 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Break With Exhibitors  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. .... Presidents' Dinner  
 Joan Brock  
*Dinner sponsored by Genentech*

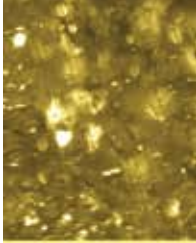
## Saturday, August 1, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... Registration  
 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. .... Breakfast Symposium  
*Video Views and Real Talk About Managing Rheumatoid Arthritis*  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Cyber Café  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Exhibit Hall Open  
 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. .... General Session II  
*RA Update: 2009*  
 Jon Giles, MD
- 9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. .... General Session III  
*Lupus 2009: New Insights and Targets for Treatment*  
 Winn Chatham, MD
- 10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. .... Break With Exhibitors  
 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. .... General Session IV  
*Update on the Management of Gout and Hyperuricemia*  
 Robert Terkeltaub, MD
- 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. .... Lunch Symposium  
*Handling the Hard Questions: What Our Patients Are Asking Us About Rheumatoid Arthritis*  
*Sponsored by Genentech/Biogen Idec*
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. .... Concurrent Session III
- A. *Joint Count/PE* (limited to 15)—see registration form for details  
 Jon Giles, MD
- B. *Update on Osteoarthritis Pathogenesis and Treatment*  
 Laura Hughes, MD
- C. *General Peds*  
 Donald Goldsmith, MD
- D. *TBD*
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. .... Concurrent Session IV
- A. *Joint Count/PE* (limited to 15)—see registration form for details  
 Jon Giles, MD
- B. *Nursing Care Beyond the Infusion*  
 Vicky Ruffing, RN
- C. *RA and the African-American Patient—Lessons Learned From the CLEAR Study (Cultural Diversity)*  
 Selena D. Luckett-Smith, RN
- D. *Transitioning the Rheumatology Pediatric Patient to an Adult Practice*  
 Donald Goldsmith, MD

## Sunday, August 2, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. .... Continental Breakfast  
 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Cyber Café  
*Sponsored by Centocor*
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Registration  
 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. .... General Session V  
*Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Lupus and Antiphospholipid Syndrome*  
 Dorak Erkan, MD; Monica Richey, RN
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. .... Yoga Stretch  
 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. .... General Session VI  
*Alternative Care for Arthritis and Related Musculoskeletal Disorders*  
 Jaya K Rao, MD, MHS (CDC)
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. .... Closing Comments

This schedule is subject to change. The final schedule will appear in the program book. Visit the RNS website at [www.RNS-network.org](http://www.RNS-network.org) for Annual Conference updates.





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## *The RNS Second Annual Conference!*



### *Accommodations*

Participants are responsible for their own hotel reservations. Special conference room rates of \$119 single/double are available for RNS conference participants. Make your reservations by June 24, 2009, to secure this special rate! Make your hotel reservations by calling 888-373-9855 or 702-733-3111. Mention that you are with the RNS conference.

### *Airport*

The Flamingo Las Vegas is within minutes of McCarran International Airport. Upon arrival you may use the hotel check-in facility (Caesars) at McCarran. You can check into your room and receive your room key all before leaving the airport. Caesars hotel check-in facility is located near Carousel One in the south half of the main baggage claim area, within close proximity of the exits from Terminals C and D.

Transportation to the hotel is available via shuttle. The cost is \$7.00 per person one-way and \$14.00 per person round-trip. You may charge this to your room upon check in at the airport.

### *The City*

Las Vegas continues to build upon its reputation as a vibrant showcase for the extraordinary. This is the city that attracts more than 38.9 million visitors a year by offering the grandest hotels, the biggest stars in entertainment, the highest caliber of award-winning chefs and master sommeliers, and, of course, the brightest lights. From elaborately themed clubs to the new wave of upscale "ultra lounges" sweeping the Strip, you can choose from a wide array of offerings, including Ivan Kane's Forty Deuce (Mandalay Bay), Pure (Caesars Palace), Rain in the Desert (Palms), Red Square (Mandalay Bay), Studio 54 (MGM Grand), Tao (The Venetian), and Whiskey Bar (Green Valley Ranch). Tryst (Wynn Las Vegas) is one of the newest, and Drai's (Barbary Coast) is one of the nightlife pioneers.

Las Vegas has become a premium world-class shopping destination. Headliners such as Harry Winston, Manolo Blahnik, Juicy Couture, Jimmy Choo, and Dolce and Gabbana now populate the Strip at the Fashion Show mall, Forum Shops at Caesars, Mandalay Place, Miracle Mile Shops, Grand Canal Shoppes, Via Bellagio, and the shops at Wynn Las Vegas.

### *Join RNS Today!*

Take the opportunity to join this growing, dynamic organization. Even if you are unable to attend the conference, complete the registration form and send it and your annual membership fee to the RNS National Office.

# REGISTRATION

**3** easy ways  
to register!



Mail this form with payment to RNS National Office,  
7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072; or



Fax to 850-484-8762 (be sure to include payment information); or



Online at **www.RNS-network.org**

Call the RNS National Office at 850-475-3535 or 877-537-3535 toll free with any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Name for badge \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/College \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

*The above information will appear on your badge. Please indicate your mailing address below.*

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The above mailing address is my  work address  home address.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a member of RNS.
- I want to become a member of RNS. I have selected the appropriate box on the back of this form and have included membership dues.

## *Joint Count/PE*

Saturday, August 1, 2009  
Two sessions: 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
(limited to 15 per session)

This will be offered on a first-come,  
first-served basis. Please contact  
Leslie Long at the RNS National Office.

877-537-3535

*Please read this information carefully before completing the payment section of this form.*

### **Registration**

The type of registration is determined by the date that the registration is postmarked—in the case of mailing—or received in the National Office—in the case of faxed or online registrations.

Registrations postmarked or faxed before **July 6, 2009**, are considered early registrations. Registrations postmarked or faxed after **July 6, 2009**, are considered regular registrations. Registrations postmarked or faxed after **July 15, 2009**, are considered onsite registrations.

You will receive a confirmation letter about two weeks after receipt of your registration form at the RNS National Office. Confirmation letters will not be sent after **July 15, 2009**.

### **Payment**

Registration fees for the full conference include the educational program and food events (including the Presidents' Dinner) listed in this brochure. Payment must accompany this registration form. Where appropriate, a copy of a purchase order is sufficient. **Registration forms received without payment will not be processed until payment is received.**

### **Cancellations and Transfers**

Cancellations and transfers must be requested in writing and postmarked or faxed by **July 15, 2009**. Refunds will be issued following the conference. A \$50 administrative fee is assessed for such cancellations. If you transfer your registration to another person, please include a completed registration form for that person with your written request. **No refunds and transfers after July 15, 2009.**

# REGISTRATION

## R.S.V.P.

Please indicate which sessions you are interested in attending. Your assistance will help us assign each speaker to an appropriately sized room. Please check one session letter for each column.

Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II	Ask the Experts	Concurrent Session III	Concurrent Session IV
A _____	A _____	1 _____	A _____	A _____
B _____	B _____	2 _____	B _____	B _____
C _____	C _____	3 _____	C _____	C _____
D _____	D _____	4 _____	D _____	D _____
		5 _____		
		6 _____		
		7 _____		

Your response is needed for the following events. Please check those you plan to attend:

- Preconference Workshop  
*There will be no fee charged for this event. Note: The preconference workshop is dependent upon the number of registrants. If it does not achieve a certain number of registrants, it will be cancelled.*
- Opening Reception
- Sat., Breakfast Symposium
- Fri., Continental Breakfast
- Sat., Lunch Symposium
- Fri., Lunch w/ Exhibitors
- Sun., Continental Breakfast
- Fri., Presidents' Dinner

### Special Needs



I will need assistance.



I will need vegetarian meals.

## Fee Section

### A. Full Conference Registration—Early

NOTE: The preconference workshop is included in the registration fee.

- RNS Member (before July 6, 2009) .....\$275
- Non-Member\* (before July 6, 2009) .....\$400
- Student\*\* .....\$135

Subtotal A: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Full Conference Registration—Regular/Onsite

NOTE: The preconference workshop is included in the registration fee.

- RNS Member (after July 6, 2009) .....\$375
- Non-Member\* (after July 6, 2009) .....\$500
- Student\*\* .....\$185

Subtotal B: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Single Day Registration—One Day Only

Single Day Fee (please select one day below) .....\$100

- Thursday
- Saturday
- Friday
- Sunday

Subtotal C: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Membership

New  Renewal

Save time and money. Renew or join today!

- Active (RNs actively engaged in rheumatology) .....\$75/yr
- Associate (non-RNs engaged in rheumatology) .....\$50/yr
- Sustaining (organizations, corporations that provide financial support) .....\$85/yr
- Student\*\* (full-time student nurses) .....\$35/yr

Subtotal D: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Non-members may register at the member price by including annual membership dues with their registration fee. See Section D above.

\*\* A copy of your student ID must be submitted.

### CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL FEES

Add subtotals from previous sections:

- A. Full Conference Registration—Early .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Full Conference Registration—Regular .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Single Day Registration .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Membership Dues .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Or register online at — [www.RNS-network.org](http://www.RNS-network.org)

Or send check — Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to RNS.

(Check will be converted into an electronic transaction. Returned checks will incur a \$50 processing fee)

Or send a copy of purchase order — Tax ID# 20-8315962

PO # \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment or purchase order must accompany this form.**