

## Rheumatology Rotation Welcome

Welcome to Rheumatology – we hope you enjoy your rotation! This letter is intended to answer some of the frequently asked questions that residents have when starting their rotation. If you have any questions that are not answered by the information below, please contact your site coordinator or Ellen Lee (contact information is listed below).

- 1. Site Assignment:** You are assigned to one of the 3 sites listed below for your 4 week rotation. Your site assignment should appear in the email you received from us, but if you are not sure where you are supposed to be, please contact Ellen Lee ([elllee@ucalgary.ca](mailto:elllee@ucalgary.ca)), or if she is away, contact Dr. Gary Morris ([glmorris@shaw.ca](mailto:glmorris@shaw.ca)).

### A. FOOTHILLS MEDICAL CENTRE

**Outpatient Clinic:** Richmond Road Diagnostic & Treatment Centre (RRDTC)  
1820 Richmond Road SW, T2T 5C7

**Inpatient Consults:** Foothills Hospital, or Rockyview Hospital (please refer to call schedule)

**Program Director:** Dr. Gary Morris ([glmorris@shaw.ca](mailto:glmorris@shaw.ca), Pager 05544)

**Program Administrator:** Ellen Lee ([elllee@ucalgary.ca](mailto:elllee@ucalgary.ca))  
**(403) 220-2808**

### B. SOUTH HEALTH CAMPUS

**Outpatient Clinic:** South Health Campus Outpatient Clinics (SHC)  
4448 Front St SE, Calgary

**Inpatient Consults:** South Health Campus

**Site Coordinator:** Dr. Aurore Fifi-Mah ([avfifima@ucalgary.ca](mailto:avfifima@ucalgary.ca), Pager 10354)

**Admin Assistant:** **Elaine Wilkie** ([Elaine.Wilkie@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Elaine.Wilkie@albertahealthservices.ca))  
**(403) 956-2493**

### C. COMMUNITY CLINICS

**Outpatient Clinic:** Associate Clinic and other community clinics  
401 9 Ave SW (Associate)

**Inpatient Consults:** Peter Lougheed Centre

**Resident Coordinator:** Dr. Olga Ziouzina ([olgaziouzina@hotmail.com](mailto:olgaziouzina@hotmail.com), Pager 10754)  
**(403) 221-4465**

## 2. Responsibilities:

- a)** You are responsible for attending the designated ambulatory clinics as well as the inpatient consultations for your site (see above). In general, **ambulatory clinic responsibilities take precedence over inpatient consultations**, except in emergencies and extenuating circumstances. Please discuss with your clinic preceptor and the staff person on-call if you uncertain what to do.

**Please send a text page to the staff rheumatologist on-call at the beginning of each week to ensure they have your pager number** (e.g. "J Smith, available for consults at RGH - Pager 01234"). **In addition, please advise the staff member on call of scheduled clinics, academic half-days, vacations, courses/conferences and any other appointments that will prevent you from returning pages.** **The staff person on-call changes over every Wednesday at 8:00 AM. Every Wednesday morning before or after rounds, please meet with the staff member coming off call and the staff member coming on call.** The resident is listed in ROCA as 1<sup>st</sup> call and the staff member is listed as 2<sup>nd</sup> call. If you are paged about a new inpatient consult, contact the staff member on call to discuss the next steps. **The Rheumatologist on-call will triage the referrals, direct next steps and suggest a time when they are available to review the patient.** The Staff cover all 4 hospital sites and may have clinics, so it is helpful for them to know about consults early on in the day so they can make appropriate arrangements. If you are in clinic, the consults can usually wait until you are finished. The staff person will let you know the urgency of the consult and whether the consult can wait 24 to 48 hours to be reviewed. **Please note that when there is a PGY5 Rheumatology resident on JR consultant assignment (this will be indicated**

on the call schedule), the PGY5 resident is listed as 1<sup>st</sup> on call at all 4 hospital sites, 8 am to 5 pm. The PGY5 Rheumatology resident will be paged about new consults and contact you and the staff member to discuss next steps.

- b) You are expected to take after hours **on-call duties** for your site on a 1:4 basis as per the PARA agreement, to include one weekend. If you have on-call duties for another service (e.g. MTU) please let Ellen Lee know the dates as these must be included in the total so that you do not exceed 1 in 4 call. Also, let Ellen know if you are not available for clinic the day after call, or for any other reason.
  - c) You are expected to attend **Division of Rheumatology Rounds** Wednesday AMs from 0800-1000. You will be expected to do a **presentation (15 mins + questions) once during your 4 week rotation**, usually an interesting clinical case or topic of interest to you, during the second hour of one of the weekly Division of Rheumatology Rounds. Please **see the attached rounds schedule for the date and location of your presentation**. If you have any questions, or if you want advice on whether a particular topic is appropriate, please discuss with your clinic preceptors or with Dr. Gary Morris (pager 05544, glmorris@shaw.ca). If you have a scheduling conflict and need to change the date of your presentation, please contact Dr. Morris ASAP!
  - d) There is a **MSK Physical Exam Teaching Rounds** on Wed AM following Divisional Rounds with Dr. Steven Thomson (dr.steven.thomson@gmail.com) at the Health Sciences Centre which you are expected to attend. Please confirm that the session is being held with Dr. Thomson. In the event that this teaching session is cancelled, you may be able to attend ambulatory clinics at your designated site instead.
  - e) You are expected to report to your designated site each day even if a clinic is not scheduled. Sometimes there are 'last-minute' changes in clinic schedules – you can stay informed by enquiring at the clinic desk or asking your site coordinator.
3. **Ambulatory clinics schedule:** Each site will forward their specific clinic schedule to you, and they will ask you to **notify them as soon as possible if there are any days during your rotation that you will NOT be available to attend clinic** (e.g. post-ectopic call, exams, conferences, holidays etc). Please note that if you are assigned to clinics at RRDTC or SHC, you will be dictating on the UCMG eScripture Program. **If you do not have access to dictate on this portal, please contact the Program Administrator, Ellen Lee, as soon as possible.**

**Residents at the Foothills/RRDTC site** will be assigned to do a minimum of one week on the inpatient consult service at Foothills Hospital during which the resident will not be scheduled for clinics. For the other weeks of the block, residents will be assigned to specific clinics at the RRDTC and may cover additional weeks of inpatient consults at the Rockyview Hospital.

**Please note that site assignments may change. This may be necessary depending on last minute changes to the availability of residents for call and clinics.**

- 4. **On-call schedule:** You are required to do a total of 7 calls (one 3 day weekend and 4 weekday evenings). Your call schedule will be coordinated with the other residents on service at the other sites. **Please email the Senior Resident (please see email for name) with any dates you are NOT available to do call.** You may also send your preferred weekend call dates and we will try to accommodate your preferences if possible. The Senior Resident will draft the call schedule and distribute it to all the parties involved. The schedule will also be entered into ROCA the week before you start your rotation, so please provide your availabilities in a timely fashion.
- 5. **Evaluation**  
Your performance will be evaluated at the end of the rotation by the rheumatologists with whom you have regular contact. It is helpful if you keep track of the number of clinics you attend (dates and rheumatologist) and any procedures that you performed.
- 6. **EMR**  
At RRDTC and SHC, SCM Ambulatory is used as an EMR. You will need access to SCM Ambulatory in order to access patient information in most clinics so it is important you arrange this prior to your arrival. You must call IT, 1-877-311-4300 and ask them for SCM Ambulatory. They will then give you access to an online training session that will take approximately 20 mins to complete. Once you have completed the session call IT again and they will give you access to SCM Ambulatory.