



CRA January 2021 Newsletter

Greetings!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The California Rheumatology Alliance remains dedicated to providing updated news and resources to our membership related to COVID-19. We appreciate and encourage any feedback to assist in our service to our members.

If there are any topics you are interested in and would like for us to cover via webinar, please email info@calrheum.org.

Visit our Website

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Ring in a new year brings a fresh start, a clean slate and a brand new membership year! To register to become a member or renew your CRA Membership, please visit our website to pay your 2021 dues:

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

As a reminder, when you become a CRA Member, you also have access to various benefits including membership to Tickets At Work. From healthy workout subscriptions to grocery services, there are amazing options to ensure our safety as California continues its stay-at-home mandate. To sign up, follow the instructions below:

1. Click the link below
2. Fill out the form to become a Tickets at Work member (please use the same email address as you do for CRA communications)
3. Enter Company Code "ALLIANCE17"
4. Enjoy the savings!

TICKETS AT WORK

WEBINAR INVITATIONS

CSRO: Nationwide Zoom Conference on Most Favored Nation (MFN) Policy

Thursday, January 14, 2021

6:30pm - 7:30pm CT

Learn more about the ramifications of the preliminary injunction decision on the Most Favored Nation policy, ask questions about legislation coming up in your state, and network with colleagues from across the country at this virtual gathering of the rheumatology community.

Join us for a brief program with updates on our advocacy efforts in 2020 and a look ahead at priorities for 2021, followed by time for questions and conversation.

Bring your inquiries and concerns about legislation in your state, federal issues, or general challenges at your practice to share during this open forum for the rheumatology community.

This virtual meeting is free to attend and open to the public

CLICK TO REGISTER


The Role of IL-6 in Inflammation, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Cytokine Release Syndrome

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

5:30pm - 6:30pm PT

We invite you to join us for a webinar titled: "The Role of IL-6 in Inflammation, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Cytokine Release Syndrome" presented by Dr. Leonard Calabrese/Cleveland Clinic. During this webinar, we will discuss IL-6 biology, it's role in rheumatoid arthritis, chronic low grade inflammation and the epidemic of non-communicable disease and Cytokine Release Syndromes.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!



CRA CALIFORNIA RHEUMATOLOGY ALLIANCE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WEBINAR TITLED

THE ROLE OF IL-6 IN INFLAMMATION, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, AND CYTOKINE RELEASE SYNDROME

PRESENTED BY DR. LEONARD CALABRESE/
CLEVELAND CLINIC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021
AT 5:30 PM PST

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislators are expected to return to Sacramento on January 1st to reconvene for the first year of the 2021/2022 session. This is a week later than previously scheduled. The delay was due to the continued climb in COVID-19 cases. There have been rumors the restart will be further delayed due to the growing numbers of deaths and positive cases. The Governor will release his proposed budget this Friday, January 8th. He will include a number of proposals to help California citizens and business who are continuing to struggle as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the session reconvenes CRA will have a busy advocacy year. CRA is sponsoring the reintroduction of legislation by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula to make changes to the step therapy process including establishing a number of standard exceptions for when a patient does not need to go through step therapy as well as putting in place definitive time frames for when a health plan must give providers an answer to prior authorization and step therapy exception requests.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of these bills, please contact Tim Madden at madden@mqadvocacy.com.

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