The ACR Collaborative Initiatives (COIN) department invites letters of interest from members wishing to help develop educational training content for clinical providers on Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) & Reproductive Health.

The deadline to submit letters of interest is **Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

**Working Group to Improve Clinician Education on PsA & Reproductive Health**
The ACR invites letters of interest from members who wish to serve on a working group to develop an educational intervention to educate clinicians on Psoriatic Arthritis & Reproductive Health. There is a need for increased education among providers in connection managing fertility, medication during pregnancy and pregnancy planning, contraception, and postpartum disease activity for people with PsA who are in their childbearing years.

The primary learner audience for this initiative is providers, including primary care physicians, rheumatologists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dermatologists, and OB/GYNs.

**Background**
The American College of Rheumatology (ACR) will create PsA-RESPECT, a broadly disseminated psoriatic arthritis education program for provider teams. The purpose of PsA-RESPECT is to educate healthcare providers on treating psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in people of childbearing years, and on patient-provider communication regarding reproductive health.

PsA-RESPECT will effectively disseminate the latest PsA clinical practice guidelines published by the ACR and the National Psoriasis Foundation, and the reproductive health clinical practice guidelines published by the ACR in 2020. It will be one feature of a larger, multi-year ACR effort to disseminate and implement scientifically sound information to address the unmet needs in the treatment and management of fertility, pregnancy and lactation in those affected by autoimmune and systemic inflammatory diseases.

Funding for this initiative comes from a grant made to the ACR from the Pfizer Foundation.

**Working Group deliverables**
At the end of the project we will have: (1) a live continuing medical education (CME) accredited education course for provider teams, (2) a cohort of presenters equipped to implement the course with provider teams, (3) enduring CME activities for providers based on the course, and (4) evaluation results.

**Compensation**
If you are selected to serve as a member of the COIN PsA-RESPECT Working Group you will receive a $3,000 honorarium.
PsA-RESPECT Working Group Timeline

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Deadline to submit letter of interest to join Working Group

Late September 2020
The selected Working Group member(s) will begin work by discussing the scope of the project, serve as experts on the scientific validity of the proposed project design in the preparation and planning of content development.

October 2020 – June 2021
There will be a series of monthly conference calls to:

- Ensure cohesiveness and scientific validity in the content to be delivered by rheumatology fellows to non-rheumatology providers.
- Support the development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of course content.
- Develop and review content and ensure cultural competency, health literacy, patient perspective, and non-rheumatology perspective are all adequately incorporated.
- Work with an evaluator to select measurable indicators for the project and explore data sources to measure project feasibility.

March 2021
The Working Group will begin identifying volunteers for project review and implementation (including via a presence at the ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting).

July 2021
All deliverables must be completed.

Get Involved
If you are interested in participating send your letter of interest by Sunday, September 13, 2020, to Kate Chiseri, Senior Specialist Project Manager, at 404-679-5303 / kchiseri@rheumatology.org.