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

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

### Working Group to Improve Clinician Education on SLE & 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 SLE & 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 SLE who are in their childbearing years.

The primary learner audience for this initiative is clinicians who are non-specialty provider, including primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and OB/GYNs. The secondary audience who will receive MOC credits includes rheumatologists and dermatologists.

### Background

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

### 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 SLE-RESPECT Working Group you will receive a $3,000 honorarium.
SLE-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.