

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The goal of the *Medical Clinics of North America* is to keep practicing physicians up to date with current clinical practice by providing timely articles reviewing the state of the art in patient care.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

All practicing physicians and other healthcare professionals.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Review the impact of immunosuppressive therapies and rheumatic disease on vaccine efficacy, rheumatic irAE that may be encountered in the general medicine practice, and importance of screening for cardiovascular disease in patients with rheumatic disease.
2. Explain how the team approach to perioperative planning can minimize postoperative infection risks in patients with rheumatic disease undergoing orthopedic surgeries.
3. Discuss the diagnosis, management, and treatment of fibromyalgia, gout, spondylarthritis, giant cell arteritis (GCA) and polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR), as well as rheumatoid arthritis (RA), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and obstetric antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) during pregnancy.

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