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Hector Chinoy, MD

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► Friday, February 14, 2025

16:00 - 16:05	Welcoming Addresses
16:05 - 16:35	ACR 24 Update: Inflammatory Myopathy Hector Chinoy, MD
16:35 - 17:05	Optimising Treatment Strategies with bDMARDs in Patients with RA Paul Studenic, MD
17:05 - 17:35	The Future of Lupus Management: What's on the Horizon Edward Vital, MD
17:35 - 18:00	Non-CME Symposium Sponsored by Sandoz
18:00 - 18:15	Coffee Break
18:15 - 18:45	What's New in RA from ACR - A Review of 2024 Paul Studenic, MD



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18:45 - 19:15

What's New from ACR 2024: Updates in Treatment Strategies for Lupus Nephritis | **Edward Vital, MD**

19:15 - 19:40

Non-CME Symposium Sponsored by Novartis

Followed by Dinner



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▶ Saturday, February 15, 2025

09:00 - 09:30	Psoriatic Arthritis, Therapies on the Horizon Richard Conway, MD
09:30 - 10:00	Predictors of Response Richard Conway, MD
10:00 - 10:30	Still Disease Dennis McGonagle, MD
10:30 - 10:55	Non-CME Symposium Sponsored by Abbvie
10:55 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 11:45	Refining Clinical Outcome in Inflammatory Myopathy Hector Chinoy, MD



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11:45 - 12:15	Ankylosing Spondylitis, Looking into the Future: What are the Prospects of Diagnosis and Management? Khalid Alnaqbi, MD
12:15 - 12:45	Difficult to Treat Rheumatoid Arthritis Paul Studenic, MD
12:45 - 13:15	Non-CME Symposium Sponsored by Lilly
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 - 15:00	Updates on Vasculitis from ACR 2024, What's New? David D'Cruz, MD
15:00 - 15:30	Updates on Behçet Disease from ACR and Summary of Guidelines Gulen Hatemi, MD



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16:00 - 16:30	Behçet Disease: Therapeutic Approach to Different Presentations Gulen Hatemi, MD
16:30	Closure

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