



The 12th Annual CAR Meeting (Virtual)

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May 13th- 14th 2022

Register at www.caribrheum.org

Friday, May 13 th 2022 Annual Rheumatology Meeting 2022		
8:30-9:00am Digital Exhibitor		
Pulse of the Region		
9:00-9:15 am	Introductory remarks by CAR President	Dr.Keisha Davis-King The University of the West Indies,Trinidad
9:15 – 9:45 am	Rheumatology Updates for the Caribbean	Moderated by Dr. Nina Ramessar Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS),USA
9:45- 10:15 am	COVID vaccine updates for the Caribbean	Dr.Raj Carmona McMaster University,Canada
10:15–10:45 am	Physician Well Being	Dr.Cindy Flower The University of the West Indies,Barbados
10:45- 11:00 am Break Digital Exhibitor		
11:00 –11:30am	Telemedicine 2.0 -Practical Steps for Implementation	Dr.Steuart Richards University of Pittsburgh, USA
11:30am-12:00pm	Lessons learnt from Telemedicine in the Caribbean- Different Perspectives	Dr. Peter Glegg The University of the West Indies,Jamaica
12:00- 1:00 pm Lunch Educational Symposium : Pharmacological Updates Moderated by Dr. Anishka Rolle Bahamas Health and Healing Medical Center		
Updates in Rheumatology		
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Vasculitis 2021 updates	Dr. Aurore Fifi-Mah University of Calgary,Canada

1:30 – 2:00 pm	Pediatric Rheumatology Updates	Dr. Nicole Johnson, University of Calgary , Canada
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Amyloidosis updates –The Cardiologist Perspective	Dr.Ahmet Sayan, Orthopaedics and Medical Specialists, St. Thomas,US V.I.
2:30- 3:00 pm Interactive break Product Roundtable :Meet our sponsors		
Rheumatology around the Caribbean		
3:00 – 3:30 pm	CAR Image Bank Open contribution : CAR members	Moderator : Dr. Noelle Rolle, Piedmont Columbus Regional ,USA
4:00 – 4:30pm	Radiology Rounds Open contribution : CAR members	Dr.Yuri Peterkin, St.Thomas Radiology Associates,St.Thomas,US. V.I. Moderator: Dr.Nina Ramessar,USA
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Rheumatology Round Table	Dr. Amanda King, St. Lucia Dr. K.Davis-King, Trinidad Dr.H.Dyaanand,Trinidad Dr.K. De Ceulaer,Jamaica Dr.Cindy Flower, Barbados Dr.Anishka Rolle,Bahamas
5:00-6:00 pm Break		
6:00-8:00 pm Grace C. Wright MD, PhD New York University (NYU) Founder, President Association of Women in Rheumatology (AWIR) Updates about AWIR's work		
Saturday, May 14th2022 Annual Rheumatology Meeting 2022		
8:30-8:45am Digital Exhibitor		
Beyond the Joints		
8:45 – 9:15 am	Myositis-A prescription for exercise	Dr.Lisa Christopher-Stine, John Hopkins University,USA

9:15 – 9:45 am	Inflammatory eye disease: A Systemic Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment	Dr. Claude L. Cowan Jr. Georgetown University Medical Center, USA
9:45 – 10:15 am	CTD- associated ILD	Dr. Sindhu Johnson University of Toronto, Canada
10:15- 10:30 am Interactive break -Meet our sponsors		
The Lupus Edition		
10:30 – 11:00 am	Lupus Nephritis -lessons from the Trinidadian cohort	Dr. Christophe Persad The University of the West Indies, Trinidad
11:00 – 12:00 am	Eon Harris lecture Emerging therapies in SLE	Professor Gary Gilkeson Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), USA
The Rheumatology Wrap-up		
12:30 – 1: 30 pm	Closing remarks and Next Steps Elections: Executive & Subcommittees Jade Mountain Raffle 2023 CAR meeting planning	CAR executive

The Caribbean Association for Rheumatology (CAR) is delighted to host its 12th annual scientific meeting this upcoming May. We are thrilled to have an exciting program filled with some of the most outstanding speakers and researchers in their fields. We welcome new and old members as we embark on this two-day journey of learning. It is our hope that this conference will foster a spirited exchange of ideas, knowledge and even anecdotes that will no doubt enrich how we continue to manage our patients.

The Caribbean Association for Rheumatology started this journey with a mission to advance rheumatology in the region, and through collaboration, education, research and advocacy, improve the care of Caribbean people with rheumatic disease. Our meeting promises to be informative, interesting and enjoyable. We are delighted to host eminent regional and international faculty who share our passion for education and bring their expertise to the meeting.

Professor Gary Gilkeson- Keynote speaker



Dr. Gary Gilkeson is a Distinguished University Professor of medicine/microbiology and immunology. He is also an Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development. He received his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He subsequently completed his internal medicine training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Following four years as a Medical Officer in the Air Force, he completed a rheumatology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in 1989. He joined the faculty of Duke at that time and achieved the position of Associate Professor of Medicine prior to moving to MUSC in 1996. Dr. Gilkeson is the author of over 250 publications and has received numerous honors including summa cum laude graduate of Baylor University and was a third-year Alpha Omega Alpha initiate at UT Southwestern. He has served on numerous NIH study sections and journal editorial boards. He has served on the national board of directors for both the Arthritis Foundation and the Lupus Foundation of America. He has served on numerous national committees for both the Arthritis Foundation, the American College of Rheumatology, and the Research and Education Foundation of the ACR. Dr. Gilkeson is past chair of the medical and scientific advisory board for the Lupus Foundation of America. His honors include receiving the MUSC Health Outstanding Clinician Award for 2007, a National Volunteer Service Award from the Arthritis Foundation, 2013 Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award, 2016 American College of Rheumatology Award for Outstanding Investigational Mentoring, and was named 2017 Physician in Chief Pro-Tempore at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. In 2018 he was named a Master of the American College of Rheumatology and as a Distinguished University Professor at MUSC. Dr. Gilkeson's research and clinical interests are both in lupus, particularly lupus nephritis. He also maintains a clinical interest in the disease retroperitoneal fibrosis. His clinical focus in lupus nephritis is the factors resulting in the ethnic disparity in outcomes in lupus comparing African Americans to Caucasians. He, along with Dr. Diane Kamen, has established the SLEIGH study, SLE in Gullah Health, to identify genetic and environmental factors that result in this disparity. Dr. Gilkeson's current major effort is in defining the safety and efficacy of umbilical cord

derived mesenchymal stem cells for the treatment of refractory lupus in a multi center clinical trial of which MUSC is the directing center. Members of the M.U.S.C.L.E. Research Group at MUSC are studying transcriptional regulators in lupus, the role of the complement system in lupus and the role of estrogen receptors in lupus. The lupus research group is also identifying and validating new biomarkers in lupus and participants are active in the lupus genetics consortium defining genetic causes of lupus. The lupus research group is also involved in a number of clinical trials, both investigator-initiated and industry sponsored.