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**Translating New Criteria and Guidelines to Clinical Practice in Identifying and Assessing Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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**STATEMENT OF NEED**

In 2010, the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) released revised rheumatoid arthritis (RA) assessment and management criteria. The new ACR/EULAR algorithm offers clinicians a "road map" to facilitate diagnoses of definite RA, and improve early treatment of the disease.

When managing rheumatoid arthritis, monitoring disease progression is a cornerstone of effective treatment. "You can't manage what you don't measure." Strategies and tools for assessing disease activity must therefore be included as part of a comprehensive treatment armamentarium.

Clinicians are also challenged with application of guidelines that do not seem to "fit" specific, complex, clinical circumstances.<sup>1</sup> In fact, many studies and surveys have demonstrated substantial gaps between guidelines for RA and their application to clinical practice.<sup>1</sup> Clinicians critically need strategies that support consistent application of guidelines for the management of RA into daily practice.

In this live and interactive CME Outfitters Webcast, expert faculty will review the 2010 ACR/EULAR algorithm; recommend strategies and tools for assessing disease activity and provide insights for integrating evidence-based guidelines for the management of RA into clinical practice.

<sup>1</sup> Hersh A, Yazdany J. Clinical practice guidelines and diagnostic uncertainty in the management of early rheumatoid arthritis. *J Rheumatol* 2009;36:863-864.

**ACTIVITY GOAL**

To update clinicians on the 2010 ACR/EULAR algorithm for classification of definite RA, provide strategies and tools for assessing disease activity, and reinforce integration of evidence-based guidelines into measurement-based clinical practice to improve early treatment, assessment, and management of RA and ultimately outcomes for these patients.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this CE activity, participants should be able to:

- Explain the current focus on early identification and treatment of RA and use the 2010 ACR/EULAR algorithm to facilitate diagnoses of definite RA.
- Implement strategies for the integration of updated, evidence-based tools for assessing disease activity as part of a measurement-based care and comprehensive, routine assessment armamentarium.
- Articulate and increase implementation of ACR/EULAR guidelines and recommendations for the management of RA into your daily practice.

The following learning objectives pertain only to those requesting CNE credit:

- Explain how the new ACR/EULAR criteria 2010 algorithm for RA illustrates the current focus on early identification and treatment of the disease.
- Describe tools for assessing disease activity which are used as part of a comprehensive and routine assessment armamentarium for RA.
- Articulate current ACR/EULAR guidelines and recommendations for the management of RA.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and other non-physician health care professionals with an interest in rheumatoid arthritis.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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