Y34 Rheumatology
Course ID: MED 797P/997P
Discipline: Medicine
Prerequisites: 8 or more weeks of core clerkships.
Available Sites: Saginaw, Detroit (Ascension St. John Hospital)
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks

Description
The purpose of the Rheumatology rotation is to prepare the student to recognize and treat commonly encountered problems in endocrinology and to become familiar with diagnostic techniques used to diagnose endocrine disorders. Students will also learn when it is appropriate to initiate a referral to a Rheumatologist.

Key Objectives
- Describe the clinical features, pathophysiology and treatment of common rheumatologic diseases such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis. Systemic lupus erythematosus, and gout.
- Describe the rationale and basics of diagnostic procedures for rheumatologic disorders including autoantibody testing, bone imaging, and tissue biopsies.
- Recall the action and pharmacology of common medications used to treat rheumatologic diseases including NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), corticosteroids, immunosuppressives and analgesics.
- Complete a comprehensive rheumatology consultation.
- Observe and gain experience in the utility diagnostic procedures and testing used for evaluating and working up rheumatologic disorders.
- Communicate with primary care physicians as a consultant.
- Communicate effectively with patients and their families.
- Demonstrate respect and compassion for all patients.
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional responsibilities and adherence to ethical principles.

Assessment Method
College of Medicine standard elective assessment will be completed by supervising faculty at conclusion of elective clerkship.

Scheduling Information
Interested students should contact CMU College of Medicine Department of Distributed Clinical Education at CMEDDCE@cmich.edu.