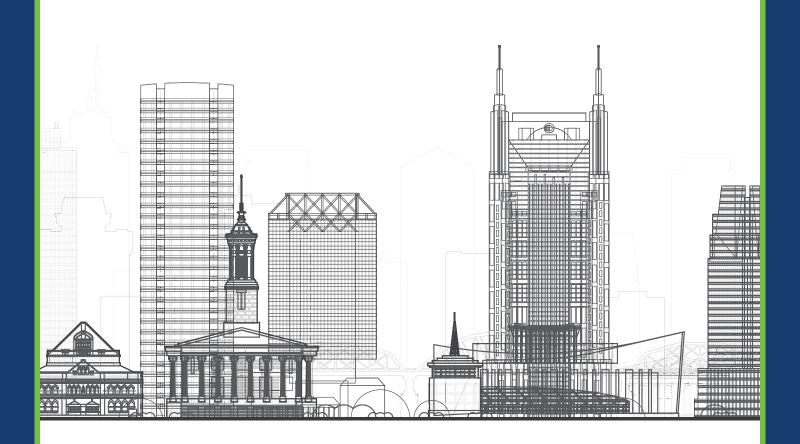


ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

September 20-22, 2024

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All event activities will be located in **Platinum Ballroom** unless otherwise noted.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Cocktail Reception in Exhibit Hall

Location: Legislative Terrace

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Event Kick Off & Advocacy Overview

Guest Speaker: Tennessee Senator Shane Reeves

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner & Program - Achieving and Sustaining Remission in Severe Active ANCA-

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Available in Exhibit Hall

Location: Legislative Terrace

8:00 a.m. Welcome

Gary Feldman, MD, FACR

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. What's new in state and federal policy impacting rheumatologists?

Kevin Daley; Matt Duckworth

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Regulatory Update

Emily Graham, RHIA, CCS-P

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Legislative Terrace

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Price Caps: Implications of the Inflation Reduction Act and Prescription Drug

Affordability Boards

Panelists: Sarah Lanford; Derek Flowers

Moderator: Harry Gewanter, MD, FAAP, MACR

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The War on Copay Assistance: new challenges for access and affordability

Panelists: Stephanie Hengst, MPH; Melissa Horn, MPA; Ashira Vantrees, JD

Moderator: Madelaine Feldman, MD, FACR

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch & Keynote: Al in Healthcare

Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS MPH

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Self-Insured Plans: Problems and Potential Solutions

Adrienne Hollander, MD (Managing Physician Partner of ARBDA) in conversation with Pramod John, PhD (Chairman & CEO of Vivio), moderated by Madelaine Feldman, MD

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Strategies of Survival in Independent Practice

Panelists: Theresa M. DiGuglielmo, Esq.; Timothy Lonesky, DO

Moderator: Aaron Broadwell, MD

AGENDA (CONTINUED)

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (continued)

3:00 p.m. − 3:30 p.m. Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Legislative Terrace

Value Based Care/Using AI to Direct Care 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panelists: Paul J. Chang, MD, FACR, FSIIM; Warris Bokhari, MD

Moderator: Jeffrey R. Curtis, MD, MS MPH

Closing Remarks 4:30 p.m.

Gary Feldman, MD, FACR

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CSRO Annual Business Meeting**

This meeting is exclusive to state society members of CSRO

Closing Wine & Cheese Reception 5:00 p.m.

Location: Skye Lounge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast Available**

Location: Legislative Terrace

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EVENT MATERIALS

Review the speaker biographies, presentation slides, and other Advocacy Conference materials in CSRO's Education Library.

This link was also included in the pre-event email sent to all conference attendees and will be included in the event follow-up email.



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Officially founded in 2003, CSRO has been serving as a voice for the rheumatology community for over 20 years, working to ensure patients have access to the highest quality of care.

Established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations (CSRO) is **comprised of nearly every active state rheumatology society in the nation**, representing over 40 states.

The mission of CSRO is to advocate for excellence in the field of rheumatology, ensuring access to the highest quality care for the management of rheumatologic and musculoskeletal disease. Since its inception, CSRO has remained dedicated to empowering rheumatologists and their practices with resources to proactively increase patient access to rheumatologic care and medication, and to improve the practice environment for rheumatologists in private practice.

In this endeavor, CSRO is pleased to offer a wide range of materials to state and regional rheumatology organizations and their members, host seminal advocacy events, support advocacy activities by individual state societies, and advocate on the state and national level on behalf of rheumatologists.

ADVOCACY

The challenging health care environment greatly affects the way rheumatologists manage their practices. It can interfere with patient access to care and force rheumatologists to make difficult decisions. State legislatures are considering an increasing amount of legislation that impacts the rheumatology community.

In response, rheumatologists must be engaged at both the state and federal levels to protect their patients and their livelihood. CSRO is at the forefront of state, federal, and payer policies working to grant access, affordability, and relief for the rheumatology community by focusing on nonpartisan education of legislators, government officials and the corporate community on the impact that policy and procedural changes may have to the patient's quality of care and disease management options.

Find a full listing of CSRO's priority issues on our website, and click through to review what CSRO is doing about them.



STATE SOCIETIES

CSRO is comprised of nearly every active state rheumatology society in the nation, working together to advocate on behalf of the rheumatology community at the state and federal level to protect patients' quality of care and disease management options, as well as the livelihood of rheumatologists.



As benefits of membership, state societies have the opportunity to apply for grants to support state advocacy activities and receive special invitations to meet with Congress – find all of CSRO's member benefits on our website for more details.



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