

Diagnosis, Care and Research



## The Center for Rheumatology, LLP is the largest rheumatology practice in Upstate New York.

As a single-specialty, privately owned practice of physicians and midlevel providers, we are dedicated to being the major regional center in this rapidly evolving field. Our mission is to be a Center of Excellence in the diagnosis and care of individuals with rheumatic diseases, in the development of new treatments, and to make ourselves a resource in the education of our patients, the medical community, and the public at large.



## FOCUSED ON PHYSICIANS!

We at The Center for Rheumatology recognize that our providers lead our efforts in the delivery of quality clinical care. We recognize that physician satisfaction in their position is a necessary foundation for providing superior outcomes for patients.

Our commitment package includes:

- Competitive salary structure with potential for bonus and incentive payments
- Fair, reasonable employment agreement
- Robust benefits package including medical, dental, short-term disability and 401K programs (soon to include long-term disability and life insurance options)
- \$2500 annual CME expense and ample paid time off to pursue educational opportunities
- 5 weeks paid time off
- Up-to-Date technology including laptop, electronic medical records system, productivity reporting, online benefits and payroll self-management
- A Chief Business Officer liaison for provider staff; quarterly physician engagement meetings with providers and regular provider updates and communication channels
- State-of-the-Art, design award winning facilities
- Tenured dedicated clinical support teams for each provider
- Highly trained, knowledgeable office staff committed to providing quality service to every patient
- Opportunities for growth, partnership and pursuing specialty areas of interest and teaching



## STATE OF THE ART CLINICAL SERVICES

One of the most impressive qualities of our practice is the range of innovative services offered to improve clinical outcomes for our patients. Most of these services are provided on site in one or more of our facilities.

Each of these resources was brought to the Center by a dedicated physician who recognized the clinical value of the service. Our partners are forwardthinking and excited to add new options for patients.

Internal services include\*:

- A fully computerized, digital x-ray machine with dedicated x-ray technicians capable of taking any required image
- Contract with radiologists who read and interpret x-ray results within hours
- DXA and scan results immediately transferred into patients' chart history
- Musculoskeletal Ultrasound for diagnosis and treatment
- Blood draw station with in-house lab
- Dedicated Research site with active clinical trials
- Skin biopsy clinic for accurate prompt diagnoses of auto-immune diseases
- On-site EMG studies by affiliate physiatrist
- Fully staffed and monitored infusion center at all locations
- An in-house Pharmacist and Pharmacy education team

\*All sites do not offer all services.



## A GREAT SETTING FOR CONTINUING RHEUMATOLOGY EDUCATION IN PRACTICE!

WORK WITH THE WORLD RENOWNED RESEARCHER, JOEL M KREMER, MD.

And Scleroderma Foundation Doctor-of-the-Year 2016, Lee S Shapiro, MD.

Participate in a weekly Journal Club with rheumatology fellows, medical residents and pharmacy students.

Be involved in training Fellows in Rheumatology and Medical Residents from the Albany Medical Center Hospital at our site.

Help expand our Ultrasound services with International Physician, Aixa Toledo-Garcia, MD.

Integrate lip and skin biopsies into your diagnostic program.

Participate in Research studies and protocols.

Collaborate in educational programs and patient advocacy with our nationally recognized Pharmacy team.

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## FACT SHEET

- TCFR is a Privately Owned, Single Specialty Rheumatology Practice
- 5 Clinical Sites: Headquartered in Albany, NY

Saratoga and Schenectady County Offices

Satellite location in Queensbury, NY

Albany Medical Center Rheumatology Clinic

- 15 Physicians and 3 Midlevel providers, (as of 2016)
- Lead educational provider for Fellows at Albany Medical Center Hospital Rheumatology Fellowship Program
- Affiliated with 5 local hospitals
- Services include:

In house Laboratory & Blood Draw station

X-Ray

DXA

Ultrasound

Skin Biopsy Clinic

Infusion Center

**Research Center** 



On staff Pharmacist and Pharmacy Education Team



# OUR MISSION AND OUR PROMISE



## OUR MISSION IS TO BE THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

- for the diagnosis of rheumatologic disorders
- for state-of the-art care of individuals with these disorders
- for clinical research that will improve understanding, expand treatment options and improve outcomes
- for the education of our patients and their families
- and for promoting understanding and awareness of rheumatologic disorders among health professional trainees, the regional medical community, and the community at large.

## OUR PROMISE TO OUR PATIENTS

- The providers and staff of TCFR will place primary emphasis on delivering the highest quality patient care in a patient-centric environment.
- The providers at TCFR will diagnose, treat, and follow all patients for whom they can improve wellness, for as long as they are the best provider of treatment for that patient.
- TCFR will employ all available means to enable patients to receive those services and treatment that have been prescribed.
- TCFR recognizes the unique nature of the rheumatologic patient population and offers a team-based approach to care to insure continuum of treatment and follow-up of services, thus increasing the patients' comfort level and overall satisfaction and health.

