

## **PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY**

### **Department of Pediatrics**

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

#### **PGY-4 – PGY-6**

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The Pediatric Rheumatology Training Program at MUSC does not make distinctions in the Scope of Practice between PGY-4, -5 and -6 Residents. As trainees progress they are encouraged to assume greater degrees of independence, as suited to their knowledge and skills in the judgment of the supervising faculty in general and the person of the attending physician specifically, in the discharge of the responsibilities noted below:

#### **PGY-4 or PGY-5 if Med/Ped Fellow**

- Examine in a timely fashion inpatients and outpatients, including ER visits, for which rheumatology consultation is requested.
- Prepare a thorough summary of clinical, serologic and radiographic findings of rheumatology consult patients.
- Supervise and teach students and residents (PGY1-3) assigned to the rheumatology consultation service.
- Round daily with the rheumatology attending and other members of the rheumatology consultation service.
- Coordinate the diagnostic and therapeutic services provided to rheumatology inpatients and outpatients.
- Document the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology consultation team in the patient charts and EPIC when initial consult.
- Communicate in a timely fashion the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology fellow and faculty member regarding outpatient visits to the referring physician(s).
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- Attend teaching conferences, including Pediatric Grand Rounds, Rheumatology Division Rounds, Journal Club, Radiology Conference, Didactic Conference, Research Conference as time allows based on rotations.
- Prepare and deliver educational talks for Rheumatology Division Rounds and Department of Pediatric Morning Report Conferences.
- Become proficient in performing soft tissue and joint injections, arthrocentesis and the interpretation of synovial fluid analysis.
- Acquire the knowledge to interpret radiographic and other imaging studies; nailfold capillary microscopy; nerve conduction velocity/electromyography; skin, muscle and synovial biopsy.

#### **PGY-5 or Med/Peds 6**

- Establish continuity clinic and follow a cohort of patients with a limited number of new patients.
- Consider the Master's Degree in Clinical Research.
- Prepare a thorough summary of clinical, serologic and radiographic findings of rheumatology consult patients.
- Supervise and teach students and residents (PGY1-3) assigned to the rheumatology consultation service.
- Coordinate the diagnostic and therapeutic services provided to rheumatology outpatients.

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- Document the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology consultation team in the patient charts.
- Communicate in a timely fashion the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology fellow and faculty member regarding outpatient visits to the referring physician(s) team to the referring physician(s).
- Become proficient in performing soft tissue and joint injections, arthrocentesis and the interpretation of synovial fluid analysis.
- Acquire the knowledge to interpret radiographic and other imaging studies; nailfold capillary microscopy; nerve conduction velocity/electromyography; skin, muscle and synovial biopsy.
- Develop research project with the guidance of research mentor.
- Organize minimum of every six month Scholarship Oversight Committee meetings and document the results of the meeting.
- Organize and present the results of research conducted during year 1 and 2 of the fellowship.
- Attend teaching conferences, including Pediatric Grand Rounds, Rheumatology Division Rounds, Journal Club, Radiology Conference, Didactic Conference, Research Conference as time allows based on rotations. .
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##### **PGY-6 or Med/Ped 7**

- Continue all continuity clinic responsibilities and communication to patients and referring physicians as during PGY 4 and 5 years.
- Finish research project and prepare manuscript and presentation at regional or national meeting.
- Continue every six month SOC meetings and documentation of the meetings.
- Attend teaching conferences, including Pediatric Grand Rounds, Rheumatology Division Rounds, Journal Club, Radiology Conference, Didactic Conference, Research Conference as time allows based on rotations.
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