

## **RHEUMATOLOGY**

### **Department of Medicine**

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

### **PGY-4**

(or PGY-5 if former Chief Resident)

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- Examine in a timely fashion inpatients and outpatients, including ER visits, for whom 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
- Communicate in a timely fashion the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology fellow and faculty member regarding outpatient visits to the referring physician(s)
- Communicate in a timely fashion the findings and recommendations of the rheumatology consultation team to the referring physician(s)
- Attend teaching conferences, including Medicine Grand Rounds, Rheumatology Division Rounds, Journal Club, Radiology Conference, Fellows' Conference, Research Conference, Professor's rounds, "Let It Shine" Conference and Chief's Rounds
- Prepare and deliver educational talks for Rheumatology Division Rounds and Department of Medicine Noon Conference

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- Organize and present the results of research conducted during year 1 and year 2 of the fellowship