

## LOCAL PATIENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Help educate future Rheumatology healthcare providers!*

**SAVE THE DATE:** **Saturday, October 17, 2009**  
Pennsylvania Convention Center, PA

The “**Advanced Practice Skills Training Course**” is offered by the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals. This interactive hands-on course was designed for fellows-in-training, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other clinicians who are interested in performing musculoskeletal examinations for joint tenderness and swelling and improve the care of adult and pediatric patients with rheumatic diseases.

We are specifically looking for patients with joint changes as a result of their disease such as:

- *Rheumatoid arthritis*
- *Psoriatic arthritis*
- *Ankylosing Spondylitis*
- *Juvenile idiopathic arthritis*
- *Joint changes* can include joint swelling and/or joint deformities.
- Other types of *inflammatory arthritis*

If patients are unsure of these changes, they should speak with their rheumatology healthcare provider.

“I originally signed up to be a patient volunteer for the Advanced Practice Skills Training Course; I figured it was a quick and easy way to get out of school for the day. I had no idea that I would get anything out of it; I thought I would just be sitting around and having medical professionals feel my joints. However, I was wrong. The participants in the course were respectful of my problems. They asked me questions and talked to me. I even learned a few fun terms and things about myself that I didn't know before. It was also great to see the progress being made in treating arthritis. At times it looks like arthritis isn't getting any attention, but I got to see that this is not the case. Now I can say that I have helped to educate medical professionals about arthritis, and that feels great”. Ellen Gordon, 16 years old from Palatine, IL

### Patient volunteers

Must be:

1. Willing to participate with a hands-on joint examination for tenderness and swelling
2. Available on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The examinations will be broken into several small adult and pediatric groups, with one patient, per group.

They will receive for their service:

1. Complimentary registration to this session
2. An honoraria
3. Reimbursement for ground transportation and parking
4. Complimentary lunch

This is an exceptional opportunity for patient volunteers to help educate rheumatology healthcare professionals from around the nation who are current providers of arthritis patient care.

**10 adult and 10 pediatric local volunteer patients are needed.**

**Call and be a part of this fun session!**

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