

Lupus LA Fellowship Brings Expertise to Inland Empire

The American College of Rheumatology Workforce Study estimated that about half of practicing rheumatologists will retire within eight years, and that by 2025, there will be a shortage of 2,600 rheumatologists in the U.S. In light of these staggering numbers, Lupus LA is committed to the training of new doctors in the field of rheumatology in our area.

In 2013, Lupus LA began a two-year fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Our current Fellow, Vaneet Sandhu, MD is about to finish her second year. Dr. Sandhu's work focused on both research and patient care. About 50% of her fellowship focused on training doctors at various free clinics and hospitals in Los Angeles on how to recognize and diagnose lupus and how to treat lupus patients. The remainder of her time was spent on lupus research projects. We wish to thank Dr. Sandhu for her energies in helping make lupus care and treatments more accessible. Dr. Sandhu will move on to a junior faculty position with the Loma Linda School of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology. Dr. Sandhu's major clinical and research interests involve lupus and related autoimmune disorders. She will be setting up clinics at the medical school that emphasize the diagnosis, treatment and management of these diseases, as well as teaching medical students, interns, residents and fellows. She will start July 15, and represents a much needed resource that will provide clinical excellence in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. We wish her much success and look forward to our continued relationship.

Lupus LA will start its next fellowship in July 2015 at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. This is a three-year fellowship specializing in pediatric rheumatology. The focus of this fellowship will be patient care. For more information on our fellowship program, please contact us at info@lupusla.org