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## CLINICAL ROTATIONS IN RHEUMATOLOGY NURSING

**JOIN US** for an exciting and interactive continuing nursing education activity with perspectives from leading rheumatology nurses.

**Thursday, August 12, 2010 | 11:45AM-1:15PM**  
**Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers | Ballroom Level | Chicago, Illinois**

*Lunch will be served.*

A SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM DURING THE 3RD ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE RHEUMATOLOGY NURSES SOCIETY

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## **ACCREDITATION STATEMENT**

Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This activity offers 1.0 contact hours to participating nurses. This credit may be applied toward licensure requirements in those states that recognize American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA) accredited providers.

Accreditation applies solely to educational activities and does not imply approval or endorsement of any commercial product by ANCC-COA.

## **CALIFORNIA BOARD OF NURSING ACCREDITATION STATEMENT**

The Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 13313. The Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education approves this activity for 1.2 contact hours.

## STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Because of a confluence of factors (increasing numbers of patients with rheumatoid arthritis [RA], decreasing numbers of rheumatologists, etc.), rheumatology nurses are playing an increasingly more hands-on role in the management and treatment of RA. However, because of the lack of formal training available to new rheumatology nurses, many are ill-equipped with an armamentarium of tactile skills necessary to best serve their patients.

Through its analysis of past activity outcome data, target audience surveys, and a comprehensive analysis of the recent literature, the Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education has pinpointed three specific skill-related educational gaps of today's rheumatology nurses:

- 1.** Adherence to medication protocols in chronic diseases, including RA, is low, which leads to unnecessarily high levels of disease activity, loss of function, and wasted healthcare dollars.
- 2.** Despite clear recommendations against the use of specific agents before and during pregnancy, studies have shown that a significant number of women with RA do not receive contraceptive counseling from their healthcare provider prior to becoming pregnant.
- 3.** Because of their position at the forefront of patient care, rheumatology nurses are in excellent position to determine which disease activity measures align best with the needs of their patients and their practice.



## TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for this activity includes rheumatology nurses, nurse practitioners, and infusion nurses.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Following this activity, learners should be able to:

1. Develop strategies to overcome common barriers to medication adherence in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.
2. Provide appropriate contraceptive counseling for all women of child-bearing age during their first visit to your practice.
3. Implement at least one new disease activity into clinical practice within the next 45 days.

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Jacqueline Fritz, RN, MSN, CNS, will serve as the recognized Nurse Planner for this activity.

## **TWO EASY WAYS TO REGISTER**

### **WEB**

To reserve your place for this activity, register online at [www.iche.edu/RNS2010](http://www.iche.edu/RNS2010).

You will receive an electronic CONFIRMATION of your registration within 48 hours of receipt.

### **ONSITE**

You may also register onsite before the start of the activity. There is no registration fee for attending this program.

Lunch will be provided prior to the activity.

Special needs, dietary requests, and ADA accommodations will be made in accordance with the law. If you require additional assistance, please indicate your needs at the time of registration or by email at [group\\_meetings\\_ICHE@iche.edu](mailto:group_meetings_ICHE@iche.edu).



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