

St. Dominic Hospital
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
Rheumatology Service
CREDENTIALS GUIDELINES

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In order to be eligible to request clinical privileges for rheumatology, a practitioner must meet the following minimum threshold criteria:

EDUCATION: MD or DO

MINIMUM FORMAL TRAINING: The applicant must be able to demonstrate successful completion of accredited internal medicine residency, followed by completion of a two-year formal residency in rheumatology. The applicant must meet the Medical Staff Bylaws requirements for board certification.

BOARD CERTIFICATION: The applicant must meet the Medical Staff Bylaws requirements for board certification.

REQUIRED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: The applicant must demonstrate that he/she has provided care to at least twenty (20) rheumatology patients in the past twelve (12) months.

IF YOU MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA, YOU MAY REQUEST CORE PRIVILEGES IN RHEUMATOLOGY.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

<i>Rheumatology Core Privileges</i>	Requested
Admit, evaluate, diagnose, treat and provide consultation to patients of all ages, except as specifically excluded from practice, with diseases of the joints, muscle, bones and tendons and auto immune and immune mediated disorders including soft tissue rheumatism, inflammatory arthritis/enthesopathies, infectious bone and joint diseases, vasculitis, osteoarthritis/osteonecrosis, metabolic bone disease, systemic lupus and allied disorders, myopathies/myositis and allied disorders, progressive systemic sclerosis and crystal induced disorders. Procedures include but are not limited to; diagnostic aspiration of synovial fluid from diarthrodial joints, bursae, and tenosynovial structures and therapeutic injection of diarthrodial joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and entheses, arthrocentesis, use of chemotherapeutic agents and biological response modifiers, perform waived laboratory testing not requiring an instrument, including but not limited to fecal occult blood, urine dipstick, and vaginal pH by paper methods.	

<i>Refer and Follow Core Privileges</i>	Requested
Perform outpatient preadmission and history and physical exam, order noninvasive outpatient diagnostic tests and services, visit patients in the hospital, review medical records, consult with the attending physicians, and observe diagnostic or surgical procedures with the approval of the attending physician or surgeon.	

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____