



UNC Hospitals Rheumatology Specialty Clinic

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Dear Referring Provider-

Thank you for referring your patients to the UNC Hospitals Rheumatology Specialty Clinic. We welcome your interest in collaborative care as we co-manage your patients.

We recognize that there is a shortage of rheumatologists in the community leading to long wait times. Since April 2017, we have been triaging referrals to improve access for those patients with urgent rheumatic conditions. We assessed how we have been processing these referrals and identified that we need more complete information on patients that are referred to our clinic.

In order to optimize our ability to identify patients with urgent and high priority rheumatic conditions, we have designed a new referral form to capture more detailed clinical information that will allow us to recognize patients presenting with new onset inflammatory arthritis, lupus, vasculitis, and inflammatory myopathy.

*If you have a referral, please complete as much information on the new referral form as possible as it will allow us to better coordinate care for your patients. We ask that you also attach copies of prior pertinent clinic notes, labs, imaging results, and discharge summaries. **We cannot schedule an appointment until this information is received.***

We welcome feedback on our referral process to provide satisfaction to your patients and yourself, as the primary care provider.

Thank you for involving UNC Hospitals Rheumatology Specialty Clinic in the care of your patients.

Sincerely-

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