

Register Today for the CRA Annual Meeting at UCLA's 33rd Carl M. Pearson Memorial Symposium

CRA is excited to announce that this year it will hold its Annual Meeting at the UCLA 33rd Carl M. Pearson Memorial Symposium: Frontiers of Rheumatology on **April 10 - 12, 2015**, at the Marriott Hotel Marina del Rey.

Join us for a CRA sponsored lunch on Friday, April 10, followed by an afternoon session titled **"Do We Have to Change the Way We Practice - Navigating Our Way to Success"** with leading experts in healthcare who will discuss and answer question on this timely topic. On Saturday afternoon, CRA invites you to attend our **Lifetime Achievement Award luncheon** followed by **"The Super Group Model: Is Bigger Better,"** a panel discussion on a model of practice as an option to deal with the threats to practice.

Visit our website -- calrheum.org/meetings -- for the brochure, registration, hotel information, and more! Physician registration is through the UCLA CME office.

[Register Today!](#)



Make Your Voice Heard at the CRA & Arthritis Foundation California Advocacy Summit

CRA and the Arthritis Foundation are planning our first joint **California Advocacy Summit** at the State Capitol in Sacramento, California, on **Monday evening, April 20 and Tuesday April 21, 2015**. The Summit is a great opportunity for you to join fellow practitioners and patients in educating your State Senators and Assemblymembers on the needs of individuals with rheumatic diseases and our legislative priorities, including regulating the substitution of biosimilars, increasing formulary transparency, establishing a step therapy override process, and capping out of pocket expenses. **Join us to make your voice heard!**

The Summit will begin with a VIP Capitol Tour then Orientation Dinner Program on Monday evening, featuring state leaders speaking on effective advocacy techniques and an overview of the legislation you will be requesting your legislators to support. Tuesday morning will include a breakfast program reviewing the asks. The event will culminate with you meeting with your legislators and their staff on Tuesday.

Register today at www.casummit.kintera.org! **CRA Members may use the code "SUM2015" to register for free. CRA will provide travel reimbursement for physician members.** Contact Amanda Chesley, JD, Executive Director, at amanda@wjweiser.com or (847) 517-7225, or visit our [website](#) for more information.



Advocacy News

[California Rheumatology Alliance Proud Cosponsor of Legislation to Establish Step Therapy Override Process](#)

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[Biosimilars Legislation To Be Heard By California Senate Committee; FDA Approves First Biosimilar Product; American College of Rheumatology Releases New Position on Biosimilars](#)

[California Rheumatology Alliance Calls on Congress to Act on SGR Repeal Legislation Before the April 1 Deadline; House Votes to Permanently Repeal SGR; Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations SGR Call to Action; AMA Fix Medicare Now Campaign; Include Fee Schedule Overhaul in SGR Fix. Experts Urge](#)

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