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# Attendee Welcome Packet |

Loews Chicago O'Hare  
Rosemont, Illinois  
April 24-26, 2026

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All times are in Central Time. This is the FIT@SOTA schedule, not including SOTA programming on April 25-26, This is a non-CE/MOC activity. No credits will be given for this activity. All sessions will be in the Cassatt Ballroom.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

11:30 AM–2:00 PM	Registration	
1:00–1:10 PM	Opening Remarks	Alana Haussmann, MD
1:10–2:10 PM	Career Panel	Heather Bukiri, MD, Anisha Dua, MD, MPH, Didem Saygin, MD Amanda Myers, MD, FACR, Alvina Chu, MD
2:10–2:15 PM	Break	
2:15–3:35 PM	The Great Debate	Attendee Participation
<b>Roundtables</b>		
3:45–5:10 PM	Ask The Expert Difficult to Treat Vasculitis	Alexandra Villa-Forte, MD, MPH, FACP
	SLE Nephritis: Guidelines Update	Meenakshi Jolly, MD
	Contract Negotiations	Melinda Malecki, MS, JD
	Management of Scleroderma Gut	Zsuzsanna McMahon, MD, MHS
	Pulmonary HTN for the Rheumatologist	Stephen Mathai, MD; MHS
	What's New in Peds Rheumatology	Sangeeta Sule, MD, PhD
	Tick Borne Illness: Ask the Expert	Cassandra Calabrese, DO
	Sarcoid: Multisystem Management	Arthur Yee, MD, PhD
	Health Disparities in the Clinical Encounter	Irene Blanco, MD, MS
	Myositis: Ask the Expert	Didem Saygin, MD
	Tapering of Biologics	Jim O'Dell, MD
	Diagnosis and Management of CNS Vasculitis	Brian Jaros, MD
	Scleroderma Mimics	Heather Bukiri, MD
	Rheumatologist's Approach to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Toxicity	Laura Arneson, MD
	Calcinosis in Myositis	Christine Hsieh, MD
Managing the Pregnant SLE Patient	Mary Mahieu, MD	
Intro to Medical Affairs in the Pharma Industry	Rachel DiMaggio, MSN	
5:10–5:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Alana Haussmann, MD

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

7:00–10:00 AM	Registration	
7:15–8:15 AM	BREAKFAST— <i>Breakfast Product Theater</i> sponsored by UCB	
8:30–8:40 AM	Opening Remarks	David Giangreco, MD
8:40–9:00 AM	Under Pressure: Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment of PH for the Rheumatologist	Stephen Mathai, MD, MHS
9:00–9:20 AM	Interstitial Insights	Brad Bemiss, MD
9:20–9:30 AM	Combined Q&A	Stephen Mathai, MD, MHS Brad Bemiss, MD
9:30–10:00 AM	Stuck in Transit: GI Manifestations in Scleroderma	Zsuzsanna McMahan, MD, MHS
10:00–10:30 AM	MORNING BREAK	
10:30–11:10 AM	Vessels in Distress: Recommendations on If and How to Taper Treatment	Alexandra Villa-Forte, MD, MPH, FACP
11:10–11:50 AM	Vectors on the Move	Cassandra Calabrese, DO
12:00–1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00–1:40 PM	Little Joints, Big Clues: A Look into Pediatric Rheumatology	Sangeeta Sule, MD, PhD
1:40–2:20 PM	Precision in PsA: Updates on Diagnosis and Treatment	Ana-Maria Orbai, MD, MHS
2:20–3:00 PM	Axial SpA	Liron Caplan, MD, PhD
3:00–3:30 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3:30–3:50 PM	SLE in the Real World: Complexities and Challenges	Saira Sheikh, MD
3:50–4:10 PM	Lupus Nephritis Reloaded: New Drugs, New Tools, New Hope	Ali Duarte-Garcia, MD
4:10–4:30 PM	Combined Q&A	Saira Sheikh, MD Ali Duarte-Garcia, MD
4:30–4:40 PM	BREAK	
4:40–5:40 PM	Cocktails and Cases <i>[No CE Provided]</i>	

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:15-8:15 AM	BREAKFAST— <a href="#">Breakfast Product Theater</a> sponsored by Amgen	
8:30-9:10 AM	Joint Action: Advances in RA	<b>Diane Horowitz, MD, RhMSUS</b>
9:10-9:50 AM	Breaking the Resistance: Tackling Myositis	<b>Didem Saygin, MD</b>
9:50-10:30 AM	CPPD: Classification Criteria, Outcomes, and Treatment in an Underdiagnosed Disease	<b>Ann Rosenthal, MD, MACR</b>
10:30-10:45 AM	MORNING BREAK	
10:45-11:20 AM	Granuloma Games: Real World Challenges in Sarcoid	<b>Arthur Yee, MD, PhD</b>
11:20-11:50 AM	Breaking the Clot: Updates in APLA/TMAs	<b>Jason Knight, MD, PhD</b>
11:50 AM-12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<b>David Giangreco, MD</b>



## Registration

Visit Registration to pick up your name badge and materials.

The registration table will be open Friday for FIT@SOTA at 11:30 am–2:00 pm and for SOTA on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00–10:00 am in the **Artist Foyer**.

SOTA meals and coffee breaks will be in the **Cassatt Ballroom & Artist Foyer**.

SOTA general Session takes place in the **Avedon Ballroom**.

## Wi-Fi

**Login:** Loews Meeting

**Password:** Sot@2026\*

## Hotel Information

### VENUE

[Loews Chicago O'Hare](#)

5300 N River Rd  
Chicago, IL 60018  
Check in: 4 pm  
Check out: 12 pm

### GRAB AND GO MARKET

Hours:  
Sunday–Thursday | 6:30 am–10 pm  
Friday & Saturday | 6:30 am–11 pm

### PARKING INFORMATION

Self-parking: \$46  
Covered parking lot and four electric vehicle charging stations available with paid garage access.

## Housing and Transportation Questions

[Events@rheumatology.org](mailto:Events@rheumatology.org)

O'Hare International Airport (ORD)  
The Loews Chicago O'Hare is a 7-minute shuttle ride from ORD airport, [Loews Shuttle Information](#)

- Pick-up for all flights is located at Terminal 2, on the lower level for Arrivals, in the middle lane, close to door 2C.
- Exits to the shuttle pick-up are located by baggage claim.
- Follow airport signage.

ORD–[Chicago O'Hare](#)  
MDW–[Chicago Midway](#)

## Know Before You Go Information

[Weather in Chicago 60°/40°](#)

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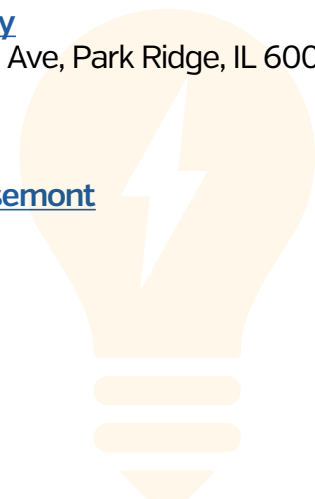
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### CLOSEST PHARMACY

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1900 S Cumberland Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068  
847-696-3846

### RESTAURANTS

[Places to Eat in Rosemont](#)



## Meeting Materials

### SYLLABI

Program syllabi will be posted online and can be accessed via the SOTA meeting page by logging in to the ACR Education Center.

### SESSION SLIDES AND HANDOUTS

You may also access the PowerPoint slides from the SOTA presentations and PDF handout content on demand via the ACR Education Center.

## How to Access the SOTA Meeting Page in the ACR Education Center

### Login Instructions

1. Log in to the [ACR Education Center](https://learn.rheumatology.org) ([learn.rheumatology.org](https://learn.rheumatology.org))
2. Scroll to the **My Meetings** section.
3. Click on **State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium 2026** to enter the meeting page.

If you have questions, watch this [demonstration video](#), visit the [Help Center](#), or contact [education@rheumatology.org](mailto:education@rheumatology.org).

*Note: Attendees will have access to the content starting Friday, April 24.*

The State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium 2026 is a CE-accredited activity, and it is essential to complete specific steps to earn your CE credits and/or participation certificate. Please review the instructions below carefully to ensure you meet all requirements and visit the [SOTA webpage](#) to view full details around CE/MOC and accreditation.

## How to Claim Credit Upon Completion of the Activity

**Note: Learners can claim credit for an activity once. You will not be able to add credit after claiming.**

**Industry sessions during meals and roundtables are not eligible for CE/MOC credit claiming. FIT programming on Friday, April 24 and the Cocktails and Cases session on Saturday, April 25 are not eligible for credit claiming.**

1. Go to the [ACR Education Center](#) and log in.
2. On the main navigation menu, click **My Learning**, if you are not taken to that page by default.
3. Scroll to the **My Meetings** section.
4. Click the **State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium 2026** to enter the meeting page.
5. After the meeting, complete the reflective statement [see [Tips for Writing a Reflective Statement](#)]. *Please note that your reflective statement must be written in earnest, or credit could be revoked.*
6. Complete the steps to claim credit as stated on the meetings page.
7. [to claim MOC] Enter or verify your ABIM Diplomate Number and date of birth.\*
8. After claiming credit, you can access and print your certificate on the activity page in the Certificates section.
9. [to retrieve ANCC credit] Visit the Claim Credits section and select Claim ANCC Credits. There you will answer the question about how many ANCC credits you're claiming, then be able to download a fillable PDF for your records.

\*MOC points are sent nightly to JA PARS and transferred from there to the respective ABIM physician portal. Please allow at least 48 hours for points to be reflected in the portal.

Additionally, a follow-up 30-day post-test evaluation will be sent to you via email. Your feedback is invaluable to us and plays a crucial role in enhancing our future educational offerings. We encourage your participation in this important process.

*The deadline to claim CE credit and MOC points for the State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium 2026 is June 25, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.*

**Questions?** Contact [education@rheumatology.org](mailto:education@rheumatology.org).

Thank you once again for your involvement in ACR's educational activities. We look forward to your continued engagement and support.

## SOTA Worksheet for CE Calculations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the form below to track your credits. This form is for your own records and by completing this form, you are not claiming credit. To claim credit and print your official certificate, go to the Claim Credit section of the activity page.

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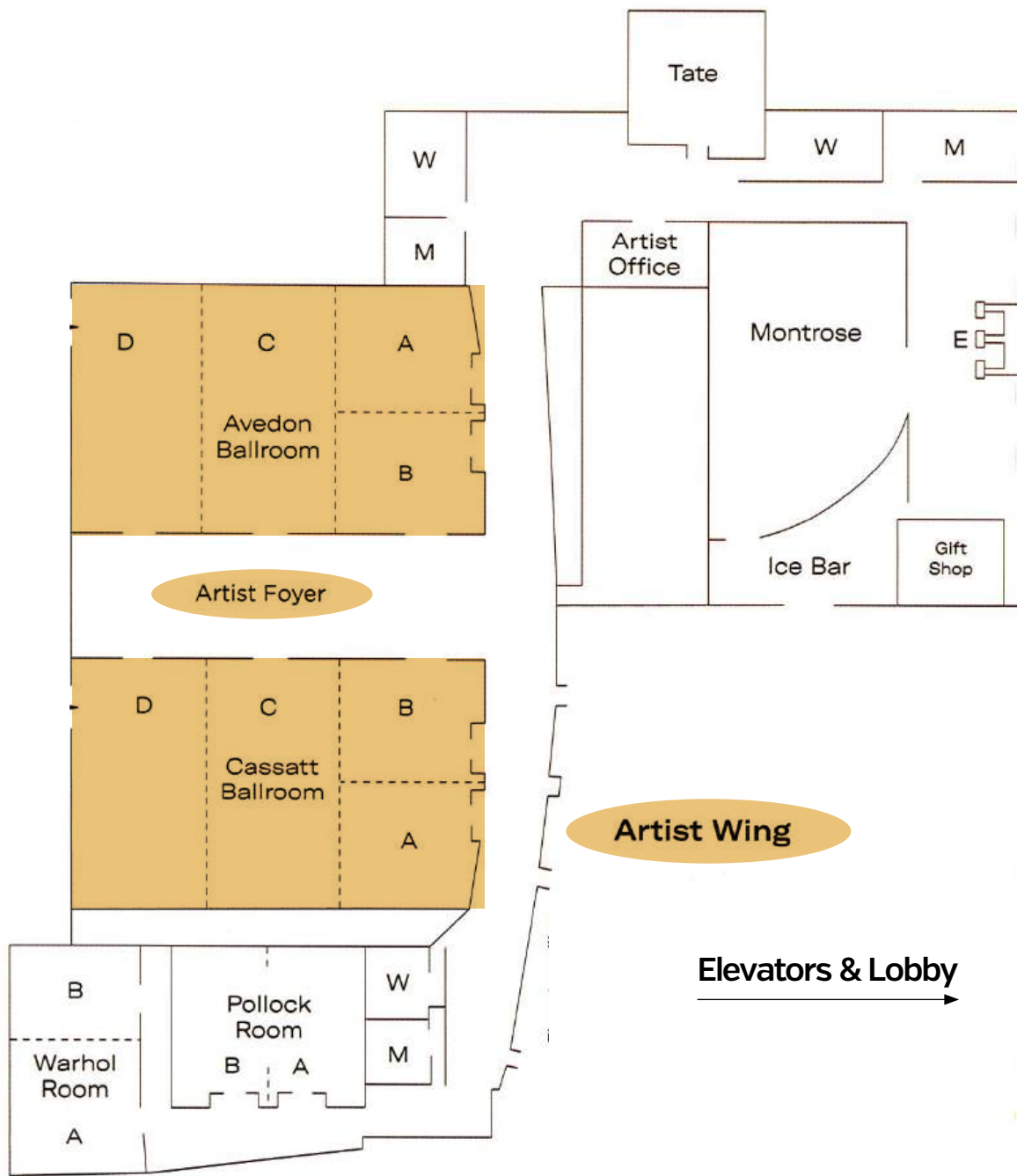
SATURDAY, APRIL 25		MAX. NO. OF CREDITS	CREDITS CLAIMED
8:30–10:00 am	Morning Session 1	1.50	
10:30–11:50 am	Morning Session 2	1.25	
1:00–3:00 pm	Afternoon Session 1	2.00	
3:30–4:30 pm	Afternoon Session 2	1.00	
<b>Total Credits Day 1</b>		<b>5.75</b>	
SUNDAY, APRIL 26			
8:30–10:30 am	Morning Session 1	2.00	
10:45–Noon	Morning Session 2	1.25	
<b>Total Credits Day 2</b>		<b>3.25</b>	
<b>CONFERENCE TOTAL</b>		<b>9.00 Maximum</b>	

*Learners should claim the number of credits for each session commensurate with the time they spent in the session room for each session.*

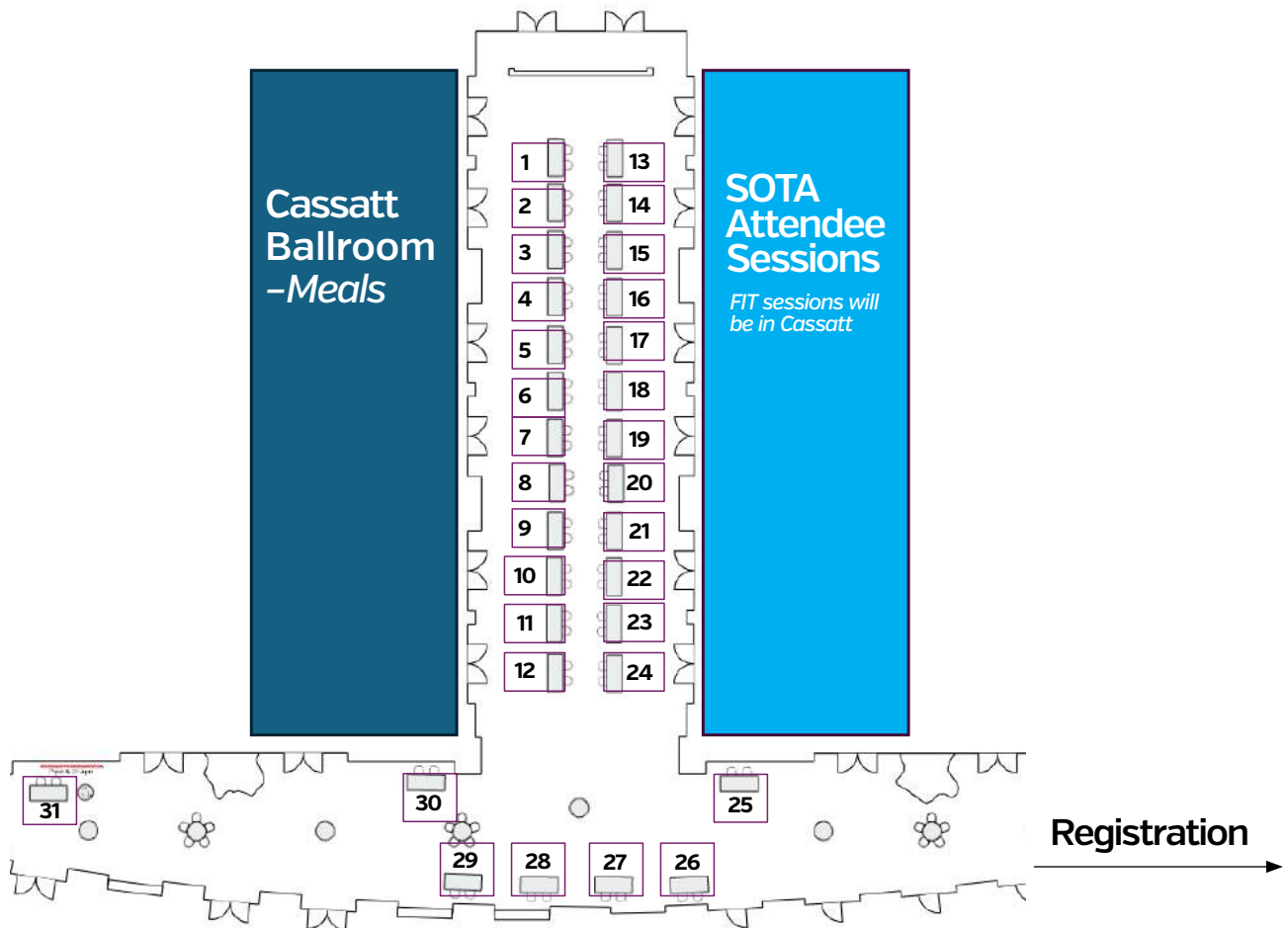
## Cocktails & Cases Discussion Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 4:40-5:40 PM		
TABLE #	CASE TITLE	FACILITATOR
1	Antiphospholipid Syndrome [APS]	<b>Jason S. Knight, MD, PhD</b> <i>University of Michigan</i>
2	Myositis	<b>Didem Saygin, MD</b> <i>Rush University Medical Center</i>
3	Lupus & Lupus Nephritis	<b>Ali Duarte-Garcia, MD, MSc</b> <i>Mayo Clinic</i>
4	Vitamin D, Calcium, and Bone Mineral Health in Sarcoidosis	<b>Arthur Yee, MD, PhD</b> <i>Hospital for Special Surgery</i>
5	What's New in Lupus: CAR-T and More	<b>Saira Sheikh, MD</b> <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
6	Back Off: Axial Spondy State-of-the-Art Case	<b>Liron Caplan, MD, PhD</b> <i>Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center</i>
7	Management of Scleroderma Gut	<b>Zsuzsanna H. McMahan, MD</b> <i>UT Health Houston</i>
8	Vasculitis	<b>Alexandra Villa-Forte, MD</b> <i>Cleveland Clinic</i>
9	Difficult to Treat Psoriatic Arthritis	<b>Ana-Maria Orbai, MD, MHS</b> <i>Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i>
10	PAH Mimics in CTD	<b>Stephen Mathai, MD, MHS</b> <i>Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i>

**Meeting Map and Key Locations**



## Exhibit Hall Map



- |                                             |                                  |                             |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Boehringer Ingelheim                     | 11. Amgen–Rare Disease, Tavneos  | 23. Johnson & Johnson       |
| 2. Zenas BioPharma                          | 12. Amgen–Uplinza                | 24. UCB                     |
| 3. Emplify Health                           | 13. Amgen Medical                | 25. Develop Health          |
| 4. AstraZeneca–Fasnera                      | 14. Bristol Myers Squibb Medical | 26. McKesson Pharmaceutical |
| 5. AstraZeneca–Saphnelo                     | 15. Novartis–Cosentyx            | 27. Aurinia                 |
| 6. Keenova                                  | 16. Fresenius Kabi               | 28. Kiniksa                 |
| 7. Novartis–Ilaris                          | 17. Argenx                       | 29. Sanofi                  |
| 8. Bristol Myers Squibb                     | 18. Genentech                    | 30. Tonix                   |
| 9. Amgen–Otezla                             | 19. AbbVie                       | 31. Arcalyst                |
| 10. Amgen–Krystexxa<br>(Rare Disease, Gout) | 20. Kyowa Kirin Medical          |                             |
|                                             | 21. Premier Specialty Network    |                             |
|                                             | 22. Priovent                     |                             |

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## **BREAKFAST PRODUCT THEATERS**

*-in the Cassatt Ballroom (Attendee Meal Room)*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH 7:15-8:15 AM**

**What Does Targeting Zero Disease  
Activity Mean to You?**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 7:15-8:15 AM**

**From Inflammation to Innovation:  
Tackling IgG4-Related Disease With  
UPLIZNA: the First and Only  
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