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Description of Curriculum:

- Components of Curriculum
 - HSS CLASS-Rheum® consists of two Question Sets. Each Question Set consists of 10 modules with 3 to 9 questions addressing fundamental concepts and the most common study designs in top rheumatology journals. Question sets can be completed in any order as they cover the same content and are intended to reinforce learning.
 - After responding to each question, trainees are provided with feedback along with detailed answer rationales and supporting references to promote further learning.
- Learning Objectives:
 - After completing HSS CLASS-Rheum®, trainees should be able to:
 - Demonstrate understanding of epidemiology and biostatistics relevant to critical appraisal of medical literature.
 - Apply strategies to interpret evidence from the medical literature for use in practice.
- Data Statement
 - We plan to publish data on the use of HSS CLASS-Rheum® as a tool for trainees to improve their knowledge of epidemiology and biostatistics, and their self-efficacy related to critical appraisal. HSS CLASS-Rheum® has been designated by the Hospital for Special Surgery Institutional Review Board (IRB) as IRB exempt. Answers can only be seen by the HSS Education Department and the HSS CLASS-Rheum® development team. Neither the ACR staff nor other program directors or trainees will be able to view your answers. The HSS CLASS-Rheum® development team will not perform between-program comparisons, nor will we perform comparisons between individual trainees. We may ask for your feedback periodically, as input from users has proven extremely valuable. Responses will always be de-identified if analyzed.

HSS CLASS – Rheum® (Hospital for Special Surgery’s Critical Literature Assessment Skills Support – Rheumatology)

- How curriculum aligns with Rheumatology Curriculum Milestones (or Rheumatology Milestones 2.0?)
 - Primary Milestone:
 - Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1: Evidence-Based and Informed Practice
 - Secondary Milestones:
 - Patient Care 4: Therapeutics, including Immunomodulatory Agents (e.g. Integrates best available evidence to prescribe, monitor, and assess the response to pharmacotherapy used in the management of patients with common and complex rheumatic conditions)
 - Medical Knowledge 3: Scholarly Activity (e.g. Engages in scholarly work, incorporates feedback, and participates in critical appraisal and analysis of project data)

How to Use Curriculum

- Time Involvement
 - Each Question Set takes approximately 2.5 hours. Though the Question Sets could be completed in one sitting, it is recommended learners visit the content in multiple sittings to increase knowledge retention.
- Materials and Equipment Needed
 - Learners will need a computer, phone, or tablet with access to the Internet.
- Suggested Delivery
 - HSS CLASS-Rheum® online modules can be completed by trainees independently or integrated into group educational settings such as journal clubs. It can be used in programs with or without experts in epidemiology and/or biostatistics.

How to access curriculum

- HSS CLASS-Rheum® is an online course provided through HSS eAcademy®. There is *no cost* for trainees to access the course, and it is available to non-trainees at a cost of \$75. A dedicated HSS CLASS-Rheum® Coordinator will facilitate HSS eAcademy® registration and HSS CLASS-Rheum® implementation.
- How to Sign Up
 - Program directors: To enroll a group of trainees, please email CLASS-Rheum@hss.edu with a list of your trainees’ first and last names and their email addresses. Our coordinator, Sarah Gottesman, will email you further instructions on how trainees will register.
 - Trainees: To enroll, please email CLASS-Rheum@hss.edu with your first and last name and current training program. Our coordinator, Sarah Gottesman, will email you further instructions on how trainees will register.
 - Rheumatologists: To enroll, follow the links below
 - <https://www.eacademy.hss.edu/courses/hss-class-rheum-question-set-1>
 - <https://www.eacademy.hss.edu/courses/hss-class-rheum-question-set-2>

Contact Information

- If you have any questions, please email us at CLASS-Rheum@hss.edu. We look forward to working with you!