

Consider a career in Rheumatology...

- Join the roster of dedicated physicians who render competent patient-centered care to **millions of Filipinos with rheumatic diseases**.
- There are **only less than 200 practicing rheumatologists in the entire Philippines** who provide specialized care to patients with chronic disabling inflammatory arthritis like rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis, and autoimmune diseases like connective tissue disorders and vasculitis.
- LUPUS is becoming more common among Filipinos, and it is often **the rheumatologist who is tasked to diagnose and oversee the management of this challenging illness**. The University of Santo Tomas (UST) is a key Lupus center having one of the largest lupus patient databases in the country.
- **Rheumatology offers unique patient-physician and physician-physician interactions** as well as **priceless learnings from individual patients** including the gratifying experience of promptly resolving painful musculoskeletal conditions, specialized use of new therapeutic agents which dramatically and positively impact patients' lives, and providing rational diagnostic and management solutions for challenging clinical situations involving multi-specialties.
- Learn **musculoskeletal ultrasound & bone densitometry** as add-on skills to supplement your professional practice.

UST Section of Rheumatology is now accepting internists (Philippine College of Physicians [PCP]-certified) for a 2-year clinical fellowship training, with the option to continue to third year research fellowship.

- The **faculty** consists of 7 full-time (including 1 geriatric and 1 pediatric rheumatologist) and 6 part-time consultants – with subspecialty expertise in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), osteoporosis, crystal arthropathies, systemic vasculitis, and molecular medicine, as well as certification/ degrees in the related sciences of bone densitometry, musculoskeletal ultrasonography, clinical epidemiology and medical informatics.
- Bolstered by an active alumni group, the program provides continuing **mentoring and support** for the young rheumatologist in clinical practice – *beyond* completion of fellowship training – with continuing medical education programs including the **Applied Rheumatology Made Simple (ARMS)** module which reinforces the cooperative partnership of rheumatologists with non-rheumatologists in their area of practice, and the **Lupus Roadshow** which enhances the central role of the rheumatologist in the holistic “internal medicine” care of the lupus patient. The university setting with its strong under- and post-graduate curriculum in Rheumatology and established Rheumatology research hub including clinical trials, further provides essential foundation for those specially inclined toward academic and/or research career paths in Rheumatology.
- With established links for **international collaboration**, there are countless opportunities to personally learn from, actively interact and train with world experts in Rheumatology.

For further information, contact any Rheumatology fellow-in-training at:

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