RHEUMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

*Presented by*

Yale School of Medicine’s, Department of Internal Medicine,

Section of Rheumatology

**“Organ Injury in Rheumatic Diseases: Stepwise Progression of Pre-Immunity to Immunity to Tissue Injury”**

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**Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**Location: 300 Cedar St., TAC Building Room N-203**

**Time: 8:00-9:00 am**

**Course Director/Host: Fotios Koumpouras, MD**

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This course will fulfill the licensure requirement set forth by the State of Connecticut

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**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Department faculty, attending physicians, subspecialty fellows, community physicians, resident house staff, physician assistants and medical students.

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Inflammation is a normal physiological defense against infection and tissue damage, but in autoimmunity, this process becomes dysregulated and can lead to significant tissue/organ damage. This talk will review the stepwise progression of rheumatic diseases, distinguish autoimmune from inflammatory rheumatic diseases, and clarify the biology of tissue injury in autoimmunity., as the key to the development of new treatment strategies for autoimmunity diseases lies within the understanding of these complex issues.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Understand stepwise progression of rheumatic diseas
2. Distinguish autoimmune from inflammatory rheumatic diseases
3. Understand biology of tissue injury in autoimmunity

**DESIGNATION STATEMENT**

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**FACULTY DISCLOSURES**

*Speaker:* Joseph Craft, MD – NONE

*Course Director:* Fotios Koumpouras, MD- Celgene (honorarium), Aurora (research grant), EMD, ULB, GSK (research grant)

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