RHEUMATOLOGY, ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

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Section of Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology

**“The “Environment” and Its Impact on Inflammatory Diseases: Resolving Stochasticity”**

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**Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Time: 8:00-9:00 am**

**Via Zoom -** <https://zoom.us/j/92781873323?pwd=R0xQcGxwczdyZmtFdWo2djFkWGR4QT09&from=msft>

**Via phone – Dial 203-432-9666 Meeting ID: 927 8187 3323**

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

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**TARGET AUDIENCE**

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

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The prevalence of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases is rising in our society. While we are beginning to understand some of the determinants that lead to development of disease there is still much uncertainty in this area. This discussion will review genetic, environmental, and other factors known to be associated with disease development/progression and will provide a framework for counseling patients about the implications these factors may have regarding their individual risk.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

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

1. Recognize the exponential increase in prevalence in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases

2. Understand the extent of genetic versus other susceptibility to determining disease trajectories

3. Think about what we mean when we counsel patients on “environmental factors"

**DESIGNATION STATEMENT**

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**FACULTY DISCLOSURES**

*Speaker:* Andrew Wang MD, PhD – NONE

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

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