RHEUMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

*Presented by*

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

Section of Rheumatology

**“Rheumatoid Arthritis and**

**Myocardial Dysfunction”**

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**Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

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

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

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

***There is no corporate support for this activity***

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**

Unique cardiac complications of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) have long been recognized, but only in recent decades has the link between RA and congestive heart failure (CHF) been more closely examined. CHF contributes to the increased mortality rate in RA patients compared to the general population and thus a better understanding of this association may help significantly improve their survival. This talk will delineate the incidence and prevalence of heart failure in RA, explore potential mechanisms for the increased rates of heart failure seen in this disease, and examine the impact of RA DMARDs on heart failure and myocardial dysfunction.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

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

1)  Delineate the incidence and prevalence of heart failure in RA

2)  Explore potential mechanisms for the increased rates of heart failure in RA

3)  Examine the impact of RA DMARDs on heart failure and myocardial dysfunction in RA

**DESIGNATION STATEMENT**

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**FACULTY DISCLOSURES**

*Speaker:* Joan Bathon – Consulting work for Abbvie

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

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