

**University of Florida College of Medicine - Jacksonville**  
**Rheumatology Fellowship Program**  
**Ophthalmology PGY5 Rotation**

**Goals**

Fellows will be familiar with ophthalmologic complications of connective tissue disease, and at the end of the rotation will be able to suspect, recognize and refer such cases to ophthalmology.

**Objectives**

**Patient care**

- Demonstrate ability to take a comprehensive history of ophthalmologic complications of connective tissue diseases.
- Demonstrate excellence in performing ophthalmoscopy.
- Initiate treatment of scleritis, episcleritis and uveitis and refer to ophthalmology.

**Medical knowledge**

Describe the diagnosis, treatment and appropriate ophthalmologic referral of the following conditions:

- Scleritis
- Episcleritis
- Retinal vasculitis
- Uveitis
- Hydroxychloroquine induced retinal toxicity

**Professionalism**

Demonstrate:

- Accurate representation of data
- Ethically sound decisions
- Professional appearance
- Attendance at clinics and conferences on time
- Respect for patients' confidentiality
- Sensitivity to culture, genders and disabilities

**Interpersonal and communication skills**

- Demonstrate excellence in communicating with patients the need for ophthalmologic referral.
- Communicate effectively to the consulting ophthalmologist the reason for the referral.

**Practice-based learning and improvement**

- Identify and acknowledge gaps in personal knowledge and skills in the care of patients with ophthalmologic complications.
- Develop and implement strategies for filling in gaps in knowledge and skills.

**Systems-based practice**

- Utilize the multidisciplinary resources necessary to care optimally for rheumatologic patients with ophthalmologic complications.
- Collaborate with other members of the health care team to assure comprehensive care of patients with ophthalmologic complications of rheumatologic diseases.
- Use evidence-based, cost-conscious strategies in the care of those patients.

**Methods of achieving objectives**

- Direct patient care under the supervising attending.
- Self-study using any one of several recommended basic textbooks of clinical Rheumatology and textbooks per ophthalmology attendings.
- Select handouts and journal articles on pertinent topics.
- Core conference series.
- Electronic databases and computerized resources (UF databases, Up To Date)

**Assessment tools**

- Attending will critique fellow's assessment and plan.
- Attending will monitor fellow's self-directed learning.
- Attending will determine whether fellow has met the objectives detailed above.
- Rheumatology MKSAP questions
- Faculty -based quizzes
- ACR questions

**Evaluation process**

- Goals and Objectives will be reviewed with the fellow at the beginning of each rotation.
- Verbal feedback will be given throughout and at the completion of the rotation from the attending.
- Global evaluation form will be completed by the attending and reviewed with the fellow.

The evaluation will be submitted to the administrative office for review by the program director