

Resources in Rheumatology
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The major knowledge base resource in rheumatology is the *Primer on the Rheumatic Diseases*. You should read this text twice before your board exam. There is ample time to accomplish this meager goal. Please make this a priority during your rotation. You can, of course, choose another source to read. Board review questions should supplement, not replace, the core reading. It is a good idea to bring reading material to the clinic in case there are down times. Though residents are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the primer for future reference, one copy of the primer, 13th edition is available through the rheumatology secretary Chris Melito. For third year clerkship students the clerkship office has a limited number of 12th edition primers available for checkout. The SIU Medical School library has the primer 13th edition on reserve at the circulation desk and it is available to both residents and students.

For access to electronic version of the *Primer on the Rheumatic Diseases*

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The following power point summaries are available on the American College of Rheumatology website and are encouraged:

www.rheumatology.org

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Attn: **When It Really Hurts**

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Multisystem Inflammatories

Rheum at a Glance

Other sources are available in my office; please let me know if you borrow any of them:

- Primary rheumatology texts. Klippel's *Rheumatology* does a particularly good job with figures and photographs; Koopman's *Arthritis and Allied Conditions* is a good overall text. Each will supply more information than the *Primer* on a given topic.
- Moskowitz's *Clinical Rheumatology*. A good source to explore differential diagnosis. Chapters are grouped according to clinical presentation rather than disease (acute monoarticular arthritis, arthritis and skin rash, etc.).
- ACR Rheumatology Core Curriculum Slide Series. 26 cases with questions and answers keyed to slides. Sides are arranged in order on three carousels with a question and answer book. Lots of physical exam findings. Donated by the SIU Alumni Association. We also have a CD version.
- Schumacher's *Case Studies in Rheumatology*. Short cases are presented with a clue followed by questions, answers, pearls, and pitfalls. A fun way to learn some rheumatology.
- Brower's *Arthritis in Black and White*. Best introductory text on X-rays in rheumatology. Short.
- MKSAP reviews and questions and answers.
- West's *Rheumatology Secrets*. Uneven but with a question and answer format.
- *Rheumatic Disease Clinics of North America*. Generally good but uneven reviews.
- Dieppe's *Atlas of Clinical Rheumatology* and Hunder's *Atlas of Rheumatology* for clinical exam findings.
- Sheon's *Soft Tissue Rheumatic Pain* for wide variety of nonsystemic, local musculoskeletal problems.
- Audio tapes from American College of Rheumatology meetings. We have selected lectures and presentations you have listen to.
- CDs. We have some CD presentations that include the ACR Core Curriculum Slide Series as well as programs on high impact rheumatology, osteoporosis, etc. that you can review.
- *Knee and Shoulder Joint Models*. With supervision, these can be used to practice injection techniques. Donated by the SIU Alumni Association.

Immunology:

- Janeway's *Immunobiology* and Roitt's *Immunology*. Best introductory texts into immunology with a heavy emphasis on diagrams.
- Stites' *Medical Immunology*. Background information shorter than Janeway and Roitt but not as well explained. Useful, short synopses of immunological problems in a variety of diseases.
- Paul's *Fundamental Immunology*. Short of the primary source material, this is the best immunology text, but it is not for the faint-hearted.