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EXPERIENCE

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LLC Morton Grove, IL

Rheumatologist September 2009 to Present

Rheumatology Director January 2021 to Present

Lab Director January 2021 to Present

Moderate/ High Complexity CLIA certified lab

MEDICAL TRAINING

Northwestern University Chicago, IL

Rheumatology Fellowship (3-year Program) 2006 to 2009

University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL

Internship 2003 2003 to 2006

Internal Medicine Residency 2004-2006

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL

College of Medicine 1999 to 2003

Recipient of Doctor of Medicine in May, 2003

University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Chicago, IL 1996 to 1999

- Recipient of Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with Highest Honors in May, 1999
- Minor in Chemistry
- Honors College
- **Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions**

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified in Rheumatology
 - 10 year Re-certification completed/passed on 10/1/2020
- Board Certified in Internal Medicine in August, 2007
- ISCD certified
- Passed USMLE Step 3 in June, 2005
- Passed USMLE Step 2 in August, 2002
- Passed USMLE Step 1 in June, 2001

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University

Chicago, IL

Department of Rheumatology

June 2007 to June 2009

- Clinical research with Dr. Leena Sharma in Osteoarthritis
 - o Within-Region Analysis of the Relationship of Bone and Cartilage Lesions in Knee Osteoarthritis

Northwestern University

Chicago, IL September, 2004

Department of Rheumatology

Clinical research with Dr. H.J. Chang

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o Joint Replacement Surgery: Social Support, Ethnicity, and Gender Patterns in Decision Making

PRESENTATIONS

Northwestern University

Chicago, IL

Department of Rheumatology
October 18, 2007

Rheumatology Grand Rounds Whipple's Disease: A Review

Northwestern University

Department of Rheumatology

Chicago, IL

March 01, 2007

Department of Rheumatology Rheumatology Grand Rounds

Henoch-Schonlein Purpura: Clinical Case and Review

Northwestern University

Department of Rheumatology

Chicago, IL

April 28, 2008

Department of Rheumatology MCRC Conference

The Sequence of Bone and Cartilage Lesions in Knee Osteoarthritis

Chicago Rheumatology Fellows MeetingChicago, ILPneumococcal Septic ArthritisDecember 10, 2008

Northwestern Medicine Fellows Research Conference Series

Chicago, IL

The Within-Subregion Relationship between Bone Marrow Lesions and January 20, 2009

Cartilage Loss in Knee Osteoarthritis

COMMITTEES

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute	Morton Grove, IL
Practice Management Committee Member-Morton Grove Division	2015 to 2020
Chair of the Risk Committee	2021 to present
Vice-Chair of the Risk Committee	2018 to 2020
Near North Operations Committee	2021 to present

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Golden Key National Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Rheumatology
- International Society of Clinical Densitometry

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PUBLICATIONS

Abstracts:

Within-Region Analysis of the Relationship of Bone and Cartilage Lesions in Knee Osteoarthritis Ami Kothari¹, September Cahue¹, Ali Guermazi², Jing Song¹, Dorothy Dunlop¹, Meredith Marshall¹, Leena Sharma¹. ¹Northwestern University, Chicago, IL; ²Boston University, Boston, MA Presented 10/26/08 at the American College of Rheumatology Conference in San Francisco Poster Session

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES			
Sub	9-Investigator: 999RA002: Biomarkers of Anti-TNF-α Therapy Efficiency in Rheumatoid Arthritis to Define Unresponsive Patients. Funded by Crescendo Bioscience.	2012 – Ongoing	
•	CAIN457F2309: A randomized, double-blind, placebo- and active-controlled study of secukinumab to demonstrate the efficacy at 24 weeks and to assess the safety, tolerability and long-term efficacy up to 1 year in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis who have an inadequate response to anti-TNFa agents. Funded by Novartis.	2011 – Ongoing	
•	H9B-MC-BCDP: A phase 3b, multicenter, open-label study to evaluate the long-term safety and efficacy of LY2127399 in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Funded by Eli Lilly.	2011 – Ongoing	
•	A3921129: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 2 study to assess the immune response following administration of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to subjects with rheumatoid arthritis receiving CP-690,550 or placebo CP-690,550 with and without background methotrexate. Funded by Pfizer.	2011 – Ongoing	
•	10-OA-004: An open-label, safety extension study of repeat dosing with intra-articular bone morphogenetic protein (BMP-7) in subjects with osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee. Funded by Stryker Biotech.	2011 – Ongoing	
•	H9B-MC-BCDO: A phase 3, multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of LY2127399 in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) with or without background disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) therapy. Funded by Eli Lilly.	2010 – Ongoing	
•	WA22762: A randomized, double-blind, parallel group study of the safety and effect on clinical outcome of tocilizumab SC versus tocilizumab IV, in combination with traditional disease modifying anti-rheumatoid arthritis drugs (DMARDs), in patients with moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis. Funded by Roche.	2010 – Ongoing	
•	09-OA-002: A phase 2, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, proof of concept, dose-finding study of intra-articular bone morphogenetic protein (BMP-7) in subjects with osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee. Funded by Stryker Biotech.	2010 – 2011	
•	WA19926: A multi-center, randomized, double-blind, parallel group study of the safety, remission and prevention of structural joint damage during treatment with Tocilizumab (CZ), as a monotherapy and in combination with methotrexate (MTX), versus methotrexate in patients with early, moderate to severe early rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Funded by Roche.	2009 – Ongoing	
•	HZ-CA-401: Open-label safety study of HZT-501 in patients who require long-term daily non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug treatment. Funded by Horizon Therapeutics.	2009 – 2011	
•	A4091016: A phase 3, multi-center, randomized, long-term study of the safety of Tanezumab in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee or hip. Funded by Pfizer.	2009 – 2011	
•	F1J-MC-HMGP: Duloxetine 60 mg once daily versus placebo in the treatment of patients with osteoarthritis knee pain. Funded by Eli Lilly.	2009 – 2010	
•	ML 22533/B: An open-label, randomized study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of tocilizumab (TCZ) monotherapy or TCZ in combination with non-biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) in patients with active rheumatoid	2009 – 2011	

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arthritis who have an inadequate response to current non-biologic or biologic DMARDs. Funded by Roche.

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•	C87084: A phase 3b, multi-center open-label, follow-up study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of certolizumab pegol administered concomitantly with methotrexate in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis who participated in C87077. Funded by UCB.	2009 – 2011
•	A4091015: A phase 3 randomized, double-blind placebo and Naproxen-controlled multicenter study of the analgesic efficacy and safety of Tanezumab in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee. Funded by Pfizer.	2009 – 2010
•	A3921044: A phase 3 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of the efficacy and safety of 2 doses of CP-690,550 in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis on background methotrexate. Funded by Pfizer.	2009 – Ongoing
•	ACT 4562g: A phase 2, randomized, double-blind, parallel group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ocrelizumab in combination with methotrexate compared with Infliximab plus methotrexate in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis currently responding inadequately to Etanercept or Adalimumab. Funded by Genentech.	2009 – 2011
•	C87077: Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of an Certolizumab Pegol-administered concomitantly with a stable-dose methotrexate in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Funded by UCB.	2007 – 2011
•	A3921024: A long-term, open-label follow-up study of Tasocitinib (CP-690,550) for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. Funded by Pfizer.	2007 – Ongoing
•	WA20495/ACT3986g: A randomized, double-blind, parallel group, international study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ocrelizumab compared to placebo in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis who have an inadequate response to at least one anti-TNF therapy. Funded by Genentech.	2007 – 2011
•	WA20494/ACT3985g: A randomized, double-blind, parallel group, international study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ocrelizumab compared to placebo in patients with active rheumatoid arthritis continuing methotrexate treatment. Funded by Genentech.	2006 – 2011
•	WA 18696: A long-term extension study of safety during treatment with tocilzumab (MRA)	2006 – Ongoing

in patients completing treatment in MRA core studies. Funded by Hoffman-La Roche.

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