

Rheumatology

Introduction

The Rheumatology department is based at Wrightington Hospital and is part of the Specialist Services Division. We have 4 Consultant Rheumatologists, 6 Specialist Nurses & Ward staff within the department. We treat a wide range of rheumatological conditions including rheumatoid and psoriatic arthritis, lupus and scleroderma.

The Rheumatology Service offers Consultant and Nurse Led Clinics supported by Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Podiatry. The ongoing relationship between these departments and research is vital in delivering the highest quality care and services to our patients.

We aim to offer a holistic service that is tailored to meet individual patient needs.



Dr Gladston Chelliah

Research Interest

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Psoriatic Arthritis
- Psoriasis
- Fibromyalgia
- Effects of Biologics, NSAIDS & DMARDS

Research Aspirations

- Randomised, Double-blind Active Control Adalimumab v Secukinumab for PsA
- Randomised, Double-blind head to head Adalimumab v Secukinumab for AS
- Observational prospective study for patients prescribed Secukinumab for PsA
- A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicentre study of secukinumab in the treatment of enthesitis active Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) and axial Spondyloarthritis (axSpA)
- A multicentre, phase 2B, Randomised, Double-blind, placebo controlled, parallel group, biologic drug for subjects with AS

Awards & Achievement

- First UK site to recruit to Psoriatic Arthritis study
- Exceeded target in Randomised, Double-Blind Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Dr Chattopadhyay winner of NIHR Lifetime Achievement Award
- Dr Gladston Chelliah Chief Investigator on 2 International rheumatology studies
- Research team Runner up 2013
- Research Nurse newcomer of the year 2013
- Research Impact Winner 2014
- Outstanding Contribution Runner up 2014
- Research Team of the year Runner up 2015

Services

- Dedicated Day Case Unit
- Rheumatology Nurse Specialists
- Paediatric Rheumatology Nurse Specialist
- Rheumatology Helpline
- Osteoporosis Clinic
- Combined Chest Clinic
- Combined Orthopaedic Clinic
- Joint Injection Clinic
- Ultrasound Diagnostics
- Dedicated Ankylosing Spondylitis Class / Physiotherapy
- Fibromyalgia Group Meetings
- Clinical Trials and Research

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back”



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