

Research and Teaching

Our staff are very interested in teaching and research. We have a strong record in research in most areas of rheumatology.

As part of our studies we test new drugs with our patients. Please let us know if you would like to be part of our clinical trial studies.

As a teaching unit, we educate and train medical staff. We have medical students, junior doctors and doctors training in rheumatology.

Would you like to help our department with studies and research?

We accept donations to our Research Fund so that we can continue our studies. If you would like to help, please make cheques/ money orders payable to:

**The Rheumatology Department
Research Fund
Westmead Hospital, PO Box 533,
Wentworthville, NSW, 2145**

How can I contact the Rheumatology Department?

Rheumatology Department
Westmead Hospital

Secretary: (02) 8890 8099

Fax: (02) 8890 8317

More information is available on our website:

<https://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/education-portal/research/research-categories/rheumatology-research/rheumatology-at-westmead-hospital>



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Western Sydney
Local Health District

The Department of Rheumatology



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About Us

We are experts in the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal (muscle, bone and ligament) problems.

Rheumatology conditions affect the bone, joints, muscle and connective tissues. We treat patients in both the hospital and our clinics.

The **main goals** of our Department include:

- 1) Providing professional and caring services to people with musculoskeletal conditions.
- 2) Evidence-based and up to date treatments
- 3) Teaching and researching the area of rheumatology

Referrals

To be seen in our clinic, we require your General Practitioner (GP) to provide a referral letter. **The GP should address the referral to one of our rheumatologists at the Department of Rheumatology.**

Please **ask your GP to fax** the referral to:

(02) 8890 8317 (Westmead Hospital)
(02) 9881 7198 (Blacktown Hospital)

What do we manage?

- Osteoarthritis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Gout and other crystal arthropathies
- Osteoporosis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (Lupus)
- Systemic sclerosis (Scleroderma)
- Back pain

We offer the following clinics at our hospitals

- General Rheumatology (Westmead & Blacktown Hospitals)
- Biologics (Westmead Hospital)
- Complex Rheumatology/Connective Tissue Disorders (Westmead Hospital)
- Back Pain (Westmead Hospital)
- Osteoarthritis (Auburn Hospital)
- Pulmonary Hypertension (this is a combined clinic with the Cardiology and Respiratory specialists)
- Interstitial Lung Disease (this is a combined clinic with the Respiratory specialists)

Important information for your appointment

- Please bring your Medicare card (appointments are bulk-billed) and a copy of your referral letter.
- Please bring all medications and any results from your GP.
- This includes any results from blood tests and scans you have already had. If you are not sure, please bring it with you.
- Remember to wear loose fitting clothes as the doctor will need to examine you.
- Please try to arrive on time for your appointment. We try our best to see all patients on or close to time.