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WEST MICHIGAN RHEUMATOLOGY (WMR) is a community-based rheumatology specialty group that offers nationally recognized consultative, diagnostic, and therapeutic services to residents of west Michigan. Established in 1991, WMR is a growing, academically-oriented practice whose doctors coordinate with their patients' primary care teams and seek out the highest quality resources to advance their care. The practice offers specialized services related to the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, lupus, Sjögren's syndrome, scleroderma, Raynaud's phenomenon, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, vasculitis, gout, and pseudogout.

WMR's four rheumatologists trained at different national centers of excellence: the Mayo Clinic, the University of Tennessee — Memphis, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill. Each brings unique experience and perspective, and patients benefit from their collective knowledge and collaboration. All of WMR's rheumatologists are board-certified in rheumatology and are faculty at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Their model of care provides that each patient's rheumatologist will see them at every visit.

"We feel that it's an honor to be trusted to participate in our patients' care," says Richard Martin, M.D., M.A., one of the four

rheumatologists on staff. "We take this confidence seriously, and promise to place their interests first."

In addition to providing patient care, WMR also teaches medical students and residents, and conducts research — all seamlessly, at one site. The physicians at WMR are among the few rheumatologists who continue to provide in-patient hospital consultations in Grand Rapids. As a part of their comprehensive services, the team also offers convenient, low-cost digital X-rays, bone density testing, and biologic therapy infusions.

Increasing knowledge and providing access to innovative therapies are core values at WMR. The clinical investigators at WMR have more than 20 years of experience leading and conducting pioneering research related to emerging treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, myositis, and psoriatic arthritis. Shared decision-making with their patients is a top priority.

The four doctors at the independent and physician-owned Western Michigan Rheumatology are: Richard W. Martin, M.D., M.A.; Andrew J. Head, M.D.; Aaron T. Eggebeen, M.D.; and Eric T. Slavin, M.D.

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