

# ARTHRITIS *Programs & Services*

## Arizona Physician Referral List

The Arthritis Foundation, Greater Southwest Chapter is pleased to make this physician referral list available as a public service to anyone seeking the assistance of a physician specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis.

This list includes specialists in arthritis called Rheumatologists. These are physicians who specialize in the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of arthritis and related disorders of joints, muscles and bones. Physicians in this specialty are typically trained in such areas as internal medicine or pediatrics and then complete additional training in rheumatic diseases.

The rheumatologists listed here have advised us that they are licensed and qualified to treat patients with arthritis, and that they satisfy one of the two additional professional standards below:

1. Certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Sub-Specialty Board of Rheumatology.
2. Completion of two years of sub-specialty training in a recognized Rheumatology program.

*\*In addition to rheumatologists, many other types of physicians also diagnose and treat arthritis, including family/primary care physicians, orthopedic surgeons, internists, physiatrists, pediatricians, and podiatrists.*

**The Arthritis Foundation does not evaluate the professional qualifications or competence of individual physicians and the Foundation makes no representations, implied or otherwise about the competence or qualifications of any physicians listed here. The Arthritis Foundation strongly recommends that you consult your primary care physician before relying on this list.**

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The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

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*These clinics are primarily consultation, teaching and evaluation centers for medical residents and allied health professionals. The eligibility requirements, fees and procedures differ and are as follows:*

### **St. Joseph's Hospital A.M.C.C.**

350 W. Thomas Rd.,  
Phoenix, AZ 85001  
602-406-3500

HOURS: Call the business office first for a financial interview appointment. Payment is on a sliding scale and income must be above a minimum level. Bring to the appointment any proof of income, number of family members, and list of outstanding medical bills.

### **Children's Rehabilitative Services**

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center  
124 W. Thomas Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
602-406-4947  
602-406-6400



### **Children's Clinics for Rehabilitative Services**

2600 N. Wyatt Dr.  
Tucson AZ 85712  
520-324-5437



### **Good Samaritan Hospital**

1033 E. McDowell Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85006  
602-239-2000

602-239-4498 Sliding Scale Clinic

HOURS: First and third Monday of each month 1:00-3:00 p.m. A patient must see a primary medicine doctor from Good Samaritan Hospital first. The physician then requests, by letter, that the patient be seen at Rheumatology Clinic and why. Letter is sent to the Director, Department of Medicine, at the above address. If the patient is accepted, the clinic secretary sets up an appointment with the patient by letter for a financial review. Payment is on a sliding scale.

### **Mountain Park Medical Center**

4616 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85031  
602-247-2255

### **St. Vincent de Paul - Free Clinic**

420 West Watkins Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
602-261-6868  
Working, low income, uninsured person/family  
Leave your information and you will be called within 24 hours.

### **Maricopa Medical Center**

602-344-5011

### **Flagstaff Medical Center**

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