

For patients seeing a physician assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) at Rheumatology Associates

As a result of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010*, the landscape of healthcare in America continues to change in substantial ways. Private medical practices must learn to adapt to survive.

One of the many effects of the *ACA* is the emphasis on a *patient-centered, physician-lead, team based approach* to care.

As such, you might have your initial or follow-up appointment in our practice with a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner.

If you do see a PA or ARNP in our practice, we want you to know that:

- Our doctors have personally and extensively trained PAs in the practice, through bedside teaching, textbook review, and didactic lectures.
- Our doctors review and sign every patient encounter note.
- Our doctors regularly review patient charts with the clinical team.
- With rare exception, one of our doctors is on premises and available for consultation if required.

At Rheumatology Associates, our entire team is dedicated to providing you with exceptional care.

We're grateful that you entrust us with the care of you and your loved ones.