



# **APLAR GRAND ROUND**

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APLAR Grand Round is an educational activity of the APLAR Academy, designed for all rheumatology trainees and rheumatologists in APLAR. APLAR Grand Round, APLAR Grand Round Forum and APLAR Blackboard are a bundle of this initiative. APLAR Young Rheumatologists (AYR) is the organiser of these events.

#### **Objectives**

1. To provide a conducive platform for all rheumatologists to share the latest scientific information and research advances that enriches our everyday clinical practice.
2. To nurture AYR members to develop competence and compassion to seek new knowledge and enhance clinical reasoning skills to solve complex medical problems in rheumatology.
3. To connect all rheumatology trainees and rheumatologists for bonding and exchanging ideas.

#### **Target audience**

All rheumatology trainees and rheumatologists in the Asia Pacific region.

#### **APLAR Grand Round**

1. This is a bi-monthly webinar on the last Saturday of the month, from 16:00-17:00 (GMT +8), for 1 hour.
2. Each Member National Organization (MNO) takes turns in engaging an AYR member and a Guest Faculty as presenters.
3. A yearly roster with a theme and the MNO hosting is posted on the APLAR website.
4. The theme of each Grand Round should not be repeated within 3 years to ensure the diversity of content with most of the topics in rheumatology covered.

5. The AYR presenter can decide on the presentation and create the topic name around the theme according to their interest and creativity.
6. Expert(s) on the theme will be invited as Guest Faculty to provide backup support to the AYR presenter. The Guest Faculty can be a senior rheumatologist or an expert from a different specialty or discipline, preferably from the Asia Pacific region.
7. This is a recorded webinar. All recorded webinars will be posted on the APLAR website for viewing.

### **APLAR Blackboard**

One (up to two) quiz related to the theme of the Grand Round is posted on the APLAR website. The quiz takes the form of a multiple-choice format. A detailed explanation with scientific evidence for the answer is provided to foster the topic learning.

### **APLAR Grand Round Forum**

This online platform on the APLAR website is open to all to give comments, share knowledge, and exchange ideas and experiences.

All attendants are welcome to write in this Forum around the theme of the Grand Round.

### **General guidelines for AYR Presenter**

1. Presentations should appeal to both rheumatology trainees and fellows. Examples include case presentations with literature reviews, topic reviews with new research information, etc.
2. Topics rarely covered in medical journals, books, and conferences and encountered in rheumatological practice are encouraged to fill the knowledge gap.
3. The number of presenters can be 1-3, giving one long presentation or 2-3 short presentations.
4. The total duration of the webinar is 1 hour, with a maximum of 40 minutes of presentation and 15 minutes for discussion, questions, and answers.

### **General guidelines for Guest Faculty**

1. The primary role of the Guest Faculty is to provide academic support to the AYR presenter and to supplement the knowledge of the questions raised by the audience during the discussion session.
2. Guest faculty and the AYR presenter are encouraged to connect from the preparatory period of the presentation.
3. The Guest faculty needs to submit at least one quiz for the APLAR Blackboard two weeks before the Grand Round.