



Dear Members of the International Rheumatology Community,

The COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance (GRA) was formed to collect, analyze and disseminate information regarding the effect of COVID-19 on rheumatology.

Changes to the medical workforce had been implemented in response to the increasing demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, also involving rheumatology trainees. The COVID-19 GRA has identified the impact of COVID-19 on trainee experience as an area of interest.

We have developed a survey to assess the experiences of rheumatology trainees during the COVID-19 pandemic to understand the impact on their clinical training and research experiences. The survey is electronic, anonymous, and voluntary. The survey will be conducted in English, but we are planning to provide a Spanish translation as well. Should there be a demand for translation into another language, as identified by your society, please let us know and we will endeavour to translate this.

This project has been approved by the IRB committee at Temple University, Philadelphia PA, USA, the National Research Ethics Committee for COVID-19, Ireland, and the University College London Research Ethics Committee.

We aim to assess the wider impact of COVID-19 on the rheumatology training experience. We are hoping to have support from member societies to distribute this survey to trainees through your mailing lists and publicise this through your social media channels. The survey can be found at <https://rheum-covid.org/trainee-survey/>.

*We ask that trainees complete their responses by September 14, 2020.*

We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance Trainee Survey subteam