



# APPALACHIAN REGIONAL RHEUMATOLOGY

a practice of Appalachian Regional Medical Associates  
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Thank you for choosing Appalachian Regional Rheumatology as your healthcare provider. We look forward to seeing you at your appointment.

This new patient information packet includes directions to our office and contact information for your records. Also enclosed is the paperwork that you will need for your upcoming appointment. Please complete the paperwork enclosed and bring it to your appointment. Our Billing & Insurance Information, Notice of Privacy Practices and Patient Bill of Rights & Responsibilities are available at the front desk or online at [apprhs.org](http://apprhs.org).

At Appalachian Regional Rheumatology, a practice of Appalachian Regional Medical Associates, we treat the whole person, not just the illness. Our services focus on diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases including arthritis, autoimmune diseases and osteoporosis. Our rheumatologist develops a personalized treatment plan for each patient based on medical history, family history, physical exam, test results and the patient's symptoms to improve quality of life.

Our office is available to you by phone from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. If you have any questions, please call our office manager at (828) 386-2300.

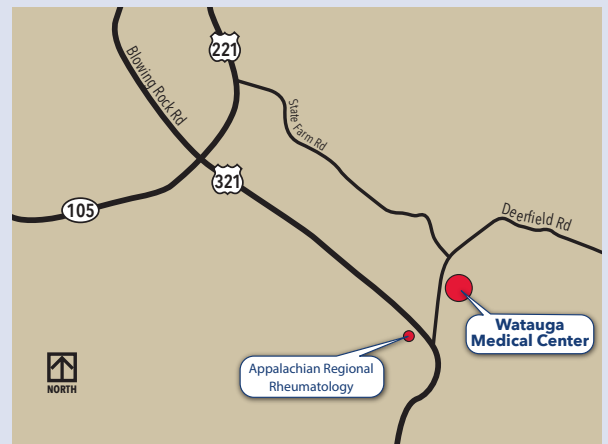
To learn about the providers at this location, visit [apprhs.org/apprheumatology](http://apprhs.org/apprheumatology)

_____
<i>has an appointment with</i>
_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> Tues. <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri.
_____ date _____ a.m./p.m.
To reschedule your appointment, please call (828) 386-2300.

### NEW PATIENT CHECKLIST:

For your first appointment please arrive 15 minutes early and bring the following:

- Insurance Card
- Pharmacy Information
- Medical Records
- Payment
- Current Medications/Prescription Bottles
- Questions for doctor
- Completed forms
- Photo ID



Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Fill in or Affix a Patient Label

**Patient Registration**

**Please Print Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First M/I Last

**Gender:**  Male  Female **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Social Security #:** \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street- City- State- Zip Code-

**Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status:**  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated  Widowed  Partner

**How did you hear about us?**

Billboards  Doctor  Friends/Family  Magazine  Newspaper  Social Media  Radio  TV  
 ARHS Website  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your ethnicity?**  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

**Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be:**  Asian  White

American Indian or Alaskan Native  Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred language?**  English  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which Pharmacy do you use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name and Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

If patient is a minor:

**Please Print Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First M/I Last

If someone else is responsible for the bill:

**Patient's relationship to Guarantor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guarantor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First M/I Last

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street- City- State- Zip Code-

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Social Security #:** \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referring Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Care Provider:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Patient History Survey**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regular physician? \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Complaint (briefly state reason for seeing us): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you had this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:** (Please include both prescription medicines and over the counter medications such as those for headache, bowels, etc. as well as any herbal therapies, vitamins or injections):

Currently Taking (name, dose)	Taken within the past 6 months
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

**Drug Allergies (rash, fever, wheezing or other reaction):**

Drug:	Reaction:	Year Occurred:

Surgeries:	Date (approx.)	Surgeon	City
Appendectomy:			
Hysterectomy:			
Tonsillectomy:			
Other: _____			



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**Injuries (broken bones, accidents):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recent Hospitalizations (within last three years):**

Date (approx.) Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleep Schedule:** Retire: \_\_\_\_\_ Arise: \_\_\_\_\_

**Childhood Diseases:**

Rheumatic Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date: _____
Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date: _____
Scarlet Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date: _____
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date: _____
Have you ever had a blood transfusion? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____		

**Have you or any of your relatives had any of these diseases? If so, please list your relationship to the person with the disease:**

	Self	Relative		Self	Relative
Gout			High Blood Pressure		
Lupus			Fibromyalgia		
Rheumatoid Arthritis			Diabetes		
Osteoarthritis			Tuberculosis		
Psoriasis			Kidney Disease		
Epilepsy/Seizure			Kidney Stone		
Migraine			Thyroid Disease		
Cancer (kind?)			Osteoporosis		
Heart Disease			Other (specify)		

**Social History:** Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_ Education: High School \_\_\_\_\_

College/ Professional School: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (current): \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:**

Name	Age	Health Status

Have you traveled outside the Southeast in the past 3 years? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rheumatic Systems Review:**





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Patient History Survey

	Yes	No	Comments
Ever been told you have gout?			
Ever had tender joints?			
Any swollen joints?			
Any hot or red joints?			
Any nodules or lumps about any joints?			
Any prolonged morning stiffness?			
Any jaw pain with chewing?			
Any sudden change in vision?			
Any scalp tenderness?			
Any unusual headaches?			
Any muscle pain?			
Any difficulty with climbing stairs?			
Difficulty using arms?			
Trouble thinking?			
Persistent sadness or irritability?			
Have you been told that you snore?			
Any trouble with swallowing?			
Any thickness or tightening of skin?			
Do your fingers blanch or turn white on exposure to cold?			
Does sun exposure give you fever, rash or make you ill?			
Any large loss of scalp hair lately?			
Is your mouth persistently dry?			
Any persistent sandy or gritty sensation in your eyes?			
Have you ever had a blood clot?			
Do you have recurrent ulcers/sores of the mouth or genitals?			
Any episode(s) of painful/bloodshot eyes?			
Any problem with heel pain?			
Ever had bloody diarrhea?			
Any hot flashes / flushing or nightsweats?			
Any tick bites?			
<i>Rheumatic Systems Review Continued</i>	Yes	No	Comments





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Have you ever had pleurisy (hurting when you take a deep breath)?			
Have you had hepatitis?			
Do you have frequent back pain?			
Have you ever had a TB skin test?			
Have you ever had psoriasis?			
Do you smoke?			
Do you drink alcohol?			
Do you exercise regularly?			
<b>Women:</b> Regular menstrual periods?			
Menopause? If so, at what age?			
Using birth control pills?			
Ever had a miscarriage?			
<b>Men:</b> History of penile discharge?			
Penile rash or ulcers?			
<b>Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis:</b>			
Have you taken:			
Plaquenil?			
Azulfidine			
Methotrexate (Rheumatrex)?			
Imuran (Azathioprine)?			
Leflunomide (Aava)?			
Remicade?			
<b>Back pain patients only:</b>			
Did your back pain begin shortly after an injury?			
Did your back pain begin suddenly?			
Has your back pain ever persisted for more than three months?			
Has your back been especially stiff in the morning?			
Is your back pain better relieved by rest or by exercise?			
At what age did your back pain begin?			



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**Patient Evaluation**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Instructions:** This brief form provides a record of your health status today. Please try and answer each question even if you've already answered a similar question before. There are no right or wrong answers – just answer exactly as you think or feel.

1. Please check (✓) the ONE best answer for your abilities at this time:

Over the last week, were you able to:	Without Any Difficulty	With Some Difficulty	With Much Difficulty	Unable To Do
a. Dress yourself, including tying shoelaces and doing buttons?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
b. Get in and out of bed?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
c. Lift a full cup or glass to your mouth?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
d. Walk outdoors on flat ground?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
e. Wash and dry your entire body?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
f. Bend down to pick up clothing from the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
g. Turn regular faucets on and off?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
h. Get in and out of a car, bus, train, or airplane?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
i. Walk two miles or three kilometer, if you wish?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
j. Participate in recreational activities and sports as you would like, if you wish?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
k. Get a good night's sleep?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.3
l. Deal with feelings of anxiety or being nervous?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.3
m. Deal with feelings of depression or feeling blue?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.3

For Office Use Only	
1. a-j FH (0-10):	
1= 0.3	16= 5.3
2= 0.7	17= 5.7
3= 1.0	18= 6.0
4= 1.3	19= 6.3
5= 1.7	20= 6.7
6= 2.0	21= 7.0
7= 2.3	22= 7.3
8= 2.7	23= 7.7
9= 3.0	24= 8.0
10= 3.3	25= 8.3
11= 3.7	26= 8.7
12= 4.0	27= 9.0
13= 4.3	28= 9.3
14= 4.7	29= 9.7
15= 5.0	30= 10
2. PH (0-10):	
4. PTGL (0-10):	
RAPID 3 (0-30):	

2. How much pain have you had because of your condition **over the past week**? Please indicate how severe your pain has been on a scale of 1 to 10:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How much of a problem has **unusual** fatigue or tiredness been for you **over the past week** on a scale of 1 to 10?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Considering all the ways in which illness and health conditions may affect you at this time, please indicate below how you are doing on a scale of 1 to 10: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Authorization to Release and Consent

### Consent for Diagnostic and Treatment

I hereby request and consent to diagnostic and medical treatment given to me at Appalachian Regional Rheumatology, a physician practice of Appalachian Regional Medical Associates, Inc. (hereinafter "ARMA"), which may include routine diagnostic procedures and medical treatment which my physician or another practitioner involved in my care considers necessary. I am aware that the practice of medicine (including surgery) is not an exact science, and no one has made any guarantees about the results of my treatments, examinations, or procedures.

### Certification, Assignment of Insurance Benefits, and Guaranty of Payment

I certify that the information I have given in applying for payment under Medicare, Medicaid, or any other government or private insurance program is correct. I hereby authorize payment of surgical and medical benefits directly to my physician and/or directly to ARMA, as applicable. I authorize ARMA to bill my insurer directly, and I assign to ARMA the right to receive all health and liability insurance benefits otherwise payable to me. I understand that I am financially responsible for, agree to pay, and guarantee payment in full of all charges for services provided to me by ARMA and my physician, even if such services are not covered by insurance. I also understand that my insurer may not pay the full amount of my charges, and I may be responsible (as the patient, spouse, or the parent of a minor child) for the amount not paid. I understand that my bill will be sent to my address on file unless I request my bill to be sent to a different address. I acknowledge that in addition to receiving a bill from ARMA, if I receive pathology, laboratory, or imaging services, I will receive a separate bill from the respective provider of those services. I authorize ARMA to act as attorney-in-fact (act with authority from me) for the limited purposes of: (1) billing directly and collecting benefits from any responsible third party through whatever means necessary; and (2) endorsing benefit checks made payable to me and/or ARMA or my physician. If collection efforts are needed to obtain payment from me for the services and supplies provided, I agree to pay the costs of such collection efforts, including reasonable attorneys' fees. I authorize payment of any refund of any overpaid insurance benefits to be made to the appropriate insurer in accordance with my insurance policy conditions or any applicable benefit provisions. If any refund is due to me, I authorize the application of such refund to any amount that I am personally legally obligated to pay for services provided by ARMA. I understand that any remaining credit due after payment of these outstanding amounts will be refunded to me.

### Use and Release of Health Information

I acknowledge that licensed physicians and other health care professionals involved in my care at ARMA may use and release my health information obtained during this visit for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations as stated in the ARMA Notice of Privacy Practices.

My health information, or information about payment for my medical treatment, may be shared with the following friends, family members, or authorized representatives:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Limitations to disclosure (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Limitations to disclosure (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Limitations to disclosure (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: A separate form must be completed by the patient to release written health information (e.g., medical records) to family members, friends, or other authorized representatives.*







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HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**  
Appalachian Regional Rheumatology

**Affix a Patient Label**

**Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices and Financial Information**

If I am a first-time patient, I certify that I have received a copy of the ARMA Notice of Privacy Practices. If I am a returning patient, I understand that a copy is available to me upon request. I have had the opportunity to review the ARMA financial information brochure.

**Appointment No-Shows and Late Cancellations- \$25.00 Fee**

Any patient who fails to arrive for a scheduled appointment, without prior notification 24 hours in advance, is considered a “no-show.” Patients must contact the office with at least 24 hours’ notice to cancel or reschedule their appointment to avoid being charged a \$25.00 fee. New patients that “no-show” two consecutive times to an appointment will be excluded from making future appointments with that provider. Established patients who “no-show” three consecutive times, or three times within a 12-month period, may be discharged from the practice.

I understand that this consent will automatically expire in one year. I also understand that I may revoke or withdraw my consent at any time by notifying ARMA in writing, but my withdrawal will not be effective for actions already taken based upon my consent. I understand and agree to the above releases, authorizations, consents, and assignments of benefits.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Patient or legal guardian/authorized representative, if patient unable to sign)

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship, if not patient:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian or Representative, if any:** (Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insured/Guarantor, if different from Guardian/Representative)

**Insured/Guarantor, if any:** (Please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

