

# GP Masterclass Invitation

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## Date

30 April 2025

## Time

6.30pm to 8.30pm

## Venue

The Hive, McNamarra St  
Orange

## Target audience

GPs, Registrars & Medical Students

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## Format



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## Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR) and Basic Tests for Rheumatology Referrals & Inflammatory Arthritis Update

### Presented by

**Clinical Professor Mark Arnold**

Chief Medical Officer, Western NSW Local Health District  
Affiliate, School of Rural Health (Dubbo/Orange), The University of Sydney,  
Faculty of Medicine and Health

*Musculoskeletal presentations are common in primary care. Rheumatology skills are an essential part of a GP's toolkit. This education session will explore what test for what person to refute diagnostic possibilities for patients with suspected rheumatic disease; how to diagnose and manage PMR, one of the commonest inflammatory rheumatic diseases presenting in general practice and how a Rheumatologist thinks about the patient presenting with arthralgia.*

## Program

- 6.30pm** Registration/Light Refreshments (provided)
- 6.55pm** Welcome (PHN)
- 7.00pm** **Education Session: PMR and Basic Tests for Rheumatology Referrals & Inflammatory Arthritis update** (Clinical Prof. Mark Arnold)
- 8.00pm** Case Study Discussion/Q&A (Mark)
- 8.30pm** Evaluation and Close (GP Facilitator)

## Learning outcomes

- Outline an evidence-based schema for ordering diagnostic and monitoring tests for patients with rheumatic disease
- Identify clinical features of PMR and Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) and how to avoid diagnostic and therapeutic pitfalls
- Describe the historical features of inflammatory versus mechanical arthritis presentations
- Justify the use of, and interpret common first-line investigations for arthritis

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