

The Rheumatic Diseases of the Skin Society's vision is to promote better understanding and improved treatment of the skin changes that are seen in individuals suffering from rheumatologic diseases (eg, lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, localized scleroderma/systemic sclerosis, vasculitis) and promote interest and training in this subdiscipline by future generations of dermatologists.

## **Membership Application and Requirements**

### *Benefits of Active Membership*

- Attend and vote at membership meetings
- Opportunities to network with current leaders in rheumatologic dermatology
- Access to members only area on RDS website, <http://www.rheumaderm-society.org>
- An invitation to attend RDS meetings, featuring presentations and discussions on the management of patients with rheumatologic skin conditions
- Opportunities to present research findings, network with clinical investigators interested in rheumatologic dermatology, and participate in collaborative clinical outcomes research.

For further information on benefits, please see: <http://www.rheumaderm-society.org>

### *Membership Requirements and Categories*

**Fellow Members** (Dues: \$100 per year) Persons qualified for active membership are academic dermatologists, office or hospital based practicing dermatologists, and dermatological researchers who are certified by the American Board of Dermatology or have received specialty certification in dermatology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or a comparable national organization and have an interest in the caring of patients with rheumatologic skin disease. Voluntary donations of \$1000 (Sustaining Membership) and \$500 (Patron Membership) are gladly accepted.

**Trainee Members** (Dues: FREE) Resident/Fellow Members. Persons qualified for resident/fellow membership are individuals who are currently enrolled in dermatology residency or fellowships. Such membership is limited to three years. Resident/fellow members are exempt from dues, but may receive the publications of the Society, attend meetings and serve on committees. Resident/Fellows may not vote or hold office.

**Associate Members** (Dues \$50 per year) Other physicians, physician trainees, and non-physician scientists having an interest in rheumatic skin disease. These members have access to non-physician NARDS email listserv/announcements regarding clinical studies and patient management issues and have the option of attending the RDS annual scientific and clinical meeting.

**Affiliate Members** (Dues: FREE) Tax free organizations and non-physician individuals advocating for patients with rheumatologic skin disease. These members will have input into the patient awareness portion of the RDS website and will have the option of attending the NARDS annual scientific and clinical meeting.

