

# Rheumatology Physician

## New Orleans, LA (NOLA)

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) strives to be an efficient organization through continual process improvement and orderliness by eliminating waste in everything they do. The organization is generating a Lean environment of abundance and ownership; building a culture of "one team creating the perfect patient experience" to honor Veterans and their families.

SLVHCS is in the process of constructing and activating a new medical center that will serve as a model for health care of the future and set the standards for patient-centered care, flexibility and sustainability. It will be a level one, 200-bed tertiary care regional referral center that is projected to serve 70,000 enrolled Veterans. The new medical center will be approximately 1.6 million square feet, with two additional 1,000-car garages for both patients and staff on a 30-acre site in New Orleans. The facility has been designed to meet the full array of VA missions: health care to America's heroes education, research and national preparedness. It will authentically reflect the culture of the region and be the cornerstone for the emerging biosciences industry in New Orleans. You can help us build from the ground up. Create history with us and join our team!

### **Position Overview**

The section of Rheumatology includes extensive clinical expertise in the full range of rheumatic diseases. The Rheumatologist works within the Rheumatology Section of the Medical Service. The physician is responsible for providing Inpatient rheumatology consults and follow-up, Outpatient rheumatology consults and follow-up, evaluation of patients with a variety of allergy concerns and performance of standard rheumatology procedures.

Some of the functions performed by the Rheumatologist include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provides an infusion clinic for patients requiring biologics and IV bisphosphonates.
- Reviews and examines all patients with the fellows and also the clinical pharmacist.
- Reviews no-shows, contacting patients for abnormal lab tests, review of requests for refills.
- Provides ongoing care for patients with rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, systemic lupus, and some chronic gout patients

### **Job Details**

- Fair Labor Standards Act: Exempt. Bargaining Unit Status Code: 8888
- Estimated Pay Range: \$101,967 — \$225,000
- Application Open Date:
- Application Close Date:
- Organization: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
- Who May Apply: US Citizens
- Status: Full Time

## **Work Schedule**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; schedule may vary due to workload

## **More about VA**

VA encourages persons with disabilities to apply. The health related positions in VA are covered by Title 38, and are not covered by the Schedule A excepted appointment authority.

## **Qualifications**

We are seeking an experienced, hardworking rheumatologist to join our team. In this position, you will play a key role in diagnosing and treating arthritis and other diseases of the joints, muscles, and bones. You will conduct research to determine the cause and find better treatments for helping your patients fight and overcome these disabling and often fatal diseases.

## **Duties & Responsibilities Include**

- Creates treatment modalities based on scientific research
- Treats arthritis, autoimmune diseases, pain disorders affecting joints, and osteoporosis
- Treats over 200 other types of diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, lupus, gout, back pain, tendinitis, and osteoporosis
- Treats soft tissue problems related to musculoskeletal systems and sports related soft tissue disorders
- Diagnosing diseases of the joints
- Studies signs and symptoms of rheumatic disease and evaluates its effect on the patient's system
- Designs customized and individualized treatments, depending on a patient's disease
- Studies and gauges the results of a patient's lab tests
- Uses technologies and tools like radiographs, MRIs, and ultrasound

## **Preferred Experience:**

- Holds board certification after specialized training
- Obtained an M.D. or D.O. through fellowship programs or specialist registrar positions or DM in India or equivalent programs throughout the world
- Four years of undergraduate school, four years of medical school, and three years of residency, and three years of fellowship training.

## **Benefits**

Working for the Department of Veterans Affairs offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, life insurance, health benefits, thrift savings plan, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System.

This link provides an overview of the benefits currently offered. For more information please visit us at [http://www.va.gov/JOBS/Job\\_Benefits/benefits.asp](http://www.va.gov/JOBS/Job_Benefits/benefits.asp)

## **How to Apply**

Send cover letter and resume to [apply@reffettassociates.com](mailto:apply@reffettassociates.com) and note **NOLA Rheumatology Physician Candidate** in the subject line.

***NOTE:*** Applicant's education and length of practice and experience will be considered by a Compensation Panel in determining the salary of the applicant selected.