

**READ THIS PAGE FOR DISPOSITION OF CARE**

Our Laguna Woods office will be closed after May 15, 2020. **Starting July 1, 2020, all care administered by Dr. Schenk will be provided through UCI Health only.** It is essential for all patients to begin planning now for this transition of care. Your options are described below:

**If you wish to have Dr. Schenk continue as your rheumatologist...**

First, contact your insurance provider to make sure **UCI Health (UC Irvine Medical Group)** is covered under your plan. If you are eligible for coverage, let us know. We are keeping a list of patients intending to continue their care with Dr. Schenk at UCI. We will have a member of the UCI team reach out to you to schedule the appointment at their Tustin or Irvine facility. You may also contact one of the facilities below to request an appointment for rheumatology. You may be asked to see one of the other rheumatology providers on the team and reassigned back to Dr. Schenk once he begins his UCI practice.

Dr. Schenk will be seeing patients at these facilities:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UCI Health Gottschalk Medical Plaza</b> 1 Medical Plaza Drive Irvine, CA 92697 (949) 824-8600</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UCI Health – Tustin</b> 1451 Irvine Blvd. Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 838-8878</p>
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Please note that in the interim period between our private practice closure of May 15, 2020 and the start of Dr. Schenk's practice at UC Irvine on July 01, 2020, we will not be able to provide you care. You will need to obtain medication refills or seek medical care with your primary care physician until you have established care at UC/Irvine rheumatology.

**If you plan to transfer to another rheumatologist...**

Some of our patients may have to change rheumatologists for insurance or other reasons. Please contact your insurance provider or your primary care physician for referral to another rheumatologist who is in the appropriate network. We suggest that you start this process as soon as possible, as many other practices have waiting times before a new patient can be seen.

Attached is a list of rheumatologists at various locations in Orange County. Indicate the provider you wish to see and sign the medical records release form attached. We will send your records to the provider you designate.

**If you are receiving infusion therapy at our office...**

It is particularly important for those receiving infusions at our office to make arrangements to ensure that their treatment is not interrupted.

**1. If you will be continuing as a patient of Dr. Schenk at UCI Health...**

Please contact your insurance provider to verify coverage for your care at UCI Health. If confirmed, please let us know as soon as possible. A member of the UCI infusion team will contact you to arrange for your continued treatment.

**2. If you will be transferring care to another rheumatologist...**

Please select another provider who is contracted with your insurance plan. See our attached list for suggestions. Contact the office of your new provider as soon as possible, as many practices have waiting times for new patients. Sign the medical record release form and we will forward your records to the new provider.