

RA Patient Partner Workshop Feedback

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It was an overwhelming experience to see actual patients who are affected by Rheumatoid Arthritis. When our patient partner, Ma'am Sonia, explained to us how her daily life is affected, I realized the importance of being familiar and having enough knowledge to recognize and treat diseases that may cause lifelong impairments or life threatening conditions. I got in touch once again with the reality that in the future we will be facing and treating patients, not books. The workshop reinforced the different signs and complications associated with RA such as Boutonniere deformity, vasculitis, osteoporosis, which were present in Ma'am Sonia; and how to properly execute the rapid musculoskeletal screener which was first introduced to us in Medicine 1.

Thank you Dr. Navarra, thank you Rheumatology, thank you our dear Patient Partners – for putting more meaning and relevance to our classroom experience.