

# FEATURE



Dr. Bernard Ng

In 2013, Bernard Ng, MBBS MSc MMed FRCP FACP, joined VA Puget Sound as the Chief of the Arthritis Section and was appointed Associate Professor at the University of Washington. Prior to the move to Seattle between 2004 and 2013, he was a Clinical Allergist and Rheumatologist at the Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Houston and concurrently participated in residency and fellowship training programs at the Baylor College of Medicine. While in Houston, he was accepted into the Clinician Scientist Training Program, supported by a competitive R30 NIH-sponsored grant in 2009 and graduated from this program with a Master in Clinical Investigations in 2012. Dr. Ng's area of research interests include the pharmacoepidemiology of anti-rheumatic agents, assessment of appropriateness of anti-rheumatic agent usage, studying long-term outcomes of rheumatic disease, and developing novel methods to assess and analyze administrative databases. This transition has allowed Dr. Ng to pursue VA, NIH and foundation grants. Dr. Ng has

held several research grants in the past, the most recent was a grant for "Evaluating the Optimal Use of Traditional Disease-Modifying Drugs of Rheumatic Diseases (DMARDS) in the Biologic Era" which was funded by South Central VA Health Care Network Research Grants Program. Currently, Dr. Ng has two grants administered by SIBCR – one from DoD and the other is an investigator-initiated grant sponsored by Antares Pharma.

In addition to the research interests outlined above, he is also interested in long term disease outcomes of various musculoskeletal diseases, in particular, gout and rheumatoid arthritis. Between 2009 and 2012, Dr. Ng received local VA and VISN grants to support his research which resulted in the publication of three original papers and the completion of a master thesis on this subject.

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### UPCOMING RESEARCH SEMINAR

Dr. Murray Raskind  
Director, VA NW Network MIRECC  
Professor and Vice Chair Department of Psychiatric and Behavioral Sciences  
Staff Psychiatrist Madigan Army Medical Center

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 - Noon - Building 1 rooms 240/236b

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