

# 2026 Multi-Track Ultrasound in Rheumatology Conference

May 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Tampa, Florida

## Track #2: Ultrasound for Vasculitis & Sjogren's Disease Track

Day 1: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Start	End	Session	Speaker
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Introduction: Ultrasound for Large Vessel Vasculitis GCA/ TAK	Dr. Minna Kohler
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Lecture: Temporal Artery Sonoanatomy and Scanning Protocol	Dr. Minna Kohler
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Lecture: Halo sign measurements, Scanning Techniques and Pitfalls	Dr. Valentin Schafer
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Break & Exhibits	
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Temporal Artery Scanning Demonstration	Dr. Valentin Schafer
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Scanning Session: Temporal Artery	
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Lecture: Axillary and Subclavian Artery Sonoanatomy and Scanning Protocol	Dr. Roger Yang
11:00 AM	11:50 PM	Scanning Session: Axillary and Subclavian Artery Scanning	
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Provided by USSONAR, Industry Product Theater presented by Sobi	
1:10 PM	1:30 PM	Lecture: Facial, Carotid, and Vertebral Artery Sonoanatomy and Scanning Protocol	Dr. Roger Yang
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Scanning Session: Facial, Carotid and Vertebral Artery Scanning	
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Break & Exhibits	
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Lecture: Vasculitis Ultrasound Update: Scoring Systems, Clinical Applications	Dr. Valentin Schafer
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Scanning Session: Review	
4:45 PM	5:15 PM	Lecture: Billing, Coding, Vasculitis US Clinic Implementation	All Faculty
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dinner Provided by USSONAR, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Industry Product Theater presented by Sanofi	
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Networking Reception	
<b>End of Day 1</b>			

## Day 2: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Start	End	Session	Speaker
6:00 AM	6:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
6:30 AM	7:00 AM	Introduction: Sjogren's Disease and the Role of Salivary Gland Ultrasound	Dr. Howard Yang
7:00 AM	7:30 AM	Lecture: Salivary Gland Considerations in IgG4-Related Disease, Sarcoidosis, & More	Dr. Myma Albayda
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Lecture: Salivary Gland Sonoanatomy, Scanning Techniques and Pitfalls	Dr. Howard Yang
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	Break & Exhibits	
8:20 AM	9:20 AM	Breakfast Provided by USSONAR, Industry Product Theater TBA	
9:20 AM	9:35 AM	Salivary Gland Scanning Demonstration	Dr. Howard Yang
9:35 AM	10:45 AM	Scanning Session: Parotid and Submandibular Glands	
10:45 AM	11:00 AM	Break & Exhibits	
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Lecture: Challenging Clinical Cases of GCA /TAK	Dr. Roger Yang
11:30 AM	12:30 AM	Scanning Session: Vasculitis Ultrasound Scanning Review	
12:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lecture: Clinical Cases in Sjogren's Disease	Dr. Myma Albayda
1:00 AM	2:00 PM	Lunch Provided by USSONAR, Industry Product Theater TBA	
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Lecture: Innovations in Vascular Ultrasound: AI, Research	Dr. Valentin Schafer
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Scanning Session: Scanning Review	
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Q&A Panel	
<b>End of Day 2</b>			

### Track #2 Learning/Educational Objectives:

- Learn about the need and use of ultrasound in assessment of patients with suspected large vessel vasculitis
- Learn the temporal artery ultrasound protocol used to diagnose Giant Cell Arteritis
- Learn techniques of assessment of the Halo sign
- Learn the large vessel ultrasound scanning technique
- Learn ultrasound scanning of additional small and large arteries involved in Takayasu's Arteritis
- Learn and apply current vascular scoring systems in systemic vasculitis
- Learn how to code and bill for vascular ultrasound studies and gain insight into how to implement a vascular ultrasound workflow
- Learn about the use of Salivary Gland ultrasound in the diagnosis of Sjogren's Disease
- Learn about other Salivary Gland pathology including IgG4 disease and neoplasm
- Learn about abnormal findings in performing salivary gland ultrasound
- Learn about the approach to and interpretation of findings in case-based discussion of salivary ultrasound cases
- Learn about the approach to and interpretation of findings in case-based discussion of vascular ultrasound cases
- Learn about new approaches to vascular ultrasound in rheumatology