

**Citation Progress Report  
Semiannual Update of Program Action Plans  
August 2003**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE OF ACCREDITATION LETTER</b>	<b>ACGME/RRC CITATIONS</b>	<b>PROGRAM RESPONSE &amp; CONCERNS</b>
Rheumatology	8/01/2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Extensive faculty turnover raises concern about stability of training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Active recruitment for two additional faculty members is ongoing at this time</li> <li>✓ Emphasis is being placed upon stabilization of the faculty members in the teaching program</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Inadequate research activity productivity by faculty as whole, specifically in peer-reviewed journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Program Director is working to meet this requirement through enrollment of the VA Medical center Augusta as a participating center with at least one VA Cooperative study and most likely three cooperative studies</li> <li>✓ Current faculty are working to meet this requirement through collaboration with other faculty members, pharmaceutical industry and on campus research institutes/organizations e.g. IMMAG</li> <li>✓ Emphasis is being placed upon recruitment of faculty with strong publication background especially in peer-reviewed journals</li> </ul>