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News from Manitoba

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Since our last update from Manitoba, Drs. Amber Cogar, Liam O'Neil and Ceri Richards have been busy helping to solve the next generation's rheumatologist shortage by giving birth to or fathering future rheumatologists. Drs. Cogar and O'Neil are fully back at work and Dr. Richards returns in Spring 2024.

We have also added a few new faces to the Winnipeg rheumatology community of late. We are proud to welcome our rheumatology residents Dr. Shane Cameron PGY5, Dr. Kaien Gu PGY5 and Dr. Matthew Thiessen PGY4 to the CRA. Joining the University of Manitoba faculty is Dr. Juanita Romero-Diaz, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine. Dr. Juanita Romero-Diaz joins us from the Department of Immunology and Rheumatology of The National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition in Mexico City. She obtained her medical degree from the University of Puebla, Puebla City, Mexico, and trained in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology at The Mexican National Autonomous University in Mexico City; there she also obtained a master's degree

in medical sciences. She also did a research fellowship with Dr. Rosalind Ramsey-Goldman at Northwestern University, Chicago, in 2010, and is an active member of the Systemic Lupus International Cooperating Clinics Research (SLICC) group. She has internationally recognized expertise in lupus and lupus research, and we are very pleased she has joined us here in the north!

We all look forward to hosting the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting in Winnipeg in February 2024. We hope to see you there!

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