

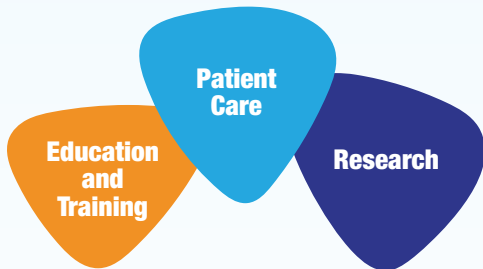


Giving The  
**Best-In-Class  
Rheumatology  
Institutions**  
The Recognition  
They Deserve



## The Three Pillars of Excellence

APLAR aims to improve standards across the three pillars of excellence: **patient care, education & training, and research** in Asia Pacific. As such, rheumatology centers in the region that can demonstrate high standards in **two or all three of these pillars of excellence** can apply to the APLAR Evaluation Committee. Following a rigorous evaluation process, selected centers will be designated as **APLAR Centers of Excellence** and serve as reference centers for rheumatology clinicians across the region.



Depending on its strengths, a center can apply to be certified

## The Merits of a Center of Excellence

- Establish **higher standards** in clinical and research skills.
- **Support local physicians** in understanding the best research and clinical practices in rheumatology.
- **Share best practices** on medical and strategic approaches for diagnosis, treatment, and management of rheumatic diseases.
- **Share perspectives** on clinical and clinical trial management at the institutional level and integrate and implement at other institutions.
- **Provide training** to young rheumatologists, scientists, rheumatology nurse specialists/clinical nurses or allied health professionals within the region.
- Foster **collaboration and partnerships**.

as a Center of Excellence in one, two, or all three of the pillars.

## With Certification, comes Responsibilities

An APLAR Center of Excellence should

Be a reference  
Center for  
APLAR  
guidelines

Welcome  
fellows of the  
APLAR  
fellowship  
programme

Establish strong  
network with  
other centers  
in the area



## Evaluation by an Esteemed Regional Committee

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## Is YOUR center a Center of Excellence?

For the Application form and Further Information, log on to  
<http://www.aplar.org/>

Submit your application together with the national society's endorsement letter (if you are not able to receive the endorsement of your national society, you may approach Past Presidents), by:

- emailing the PDF form to APLAR Office, **Ms Deborah Halim** at **secretariat@aplar.org**, AND
- posting your hard copy application to:

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