

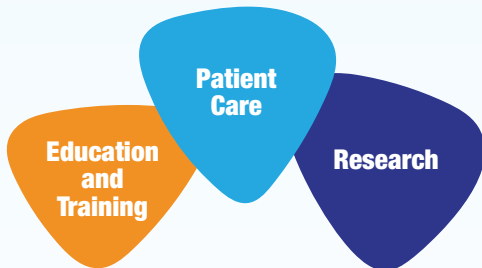


Giving The  
**Best-In-Class  
Rheumatology  
Institutions**  
The Recognition  
They Deserve



## 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 a

## 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

Name	Position in APLAR
Prof. Yeong-Wook Song	Scientific Committee Chair
Prof. Zhanguo Li	Scientific Committee Chair
Prof. Worawit Louthrenoo	Education Chairperson
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Prof. Yan Zhao	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. James Wei	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. Lai-Shan Tam	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. Keith Lim	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. Sakae Tanaka	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. Debasish Danda	Scientific Committee Member
Dr. Michael Tee	Scientific Committee Member
Prof. Katsunori Ikari	Scientific Committee Member
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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@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.aplar@gmail.com), AND
- posting your hard copy application to:

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