

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Harbin Physician Elected President of Rheumatology Society**

### **For Immediate Release**

**ROME, GA, June 27, 2011** – Harbin Clinic Rheumatologist Keith Rott, M.D. has been elected president of the Georgia Society of Rheumatology. His election took place during the society's annual meeting at Callaway Gardens. Dr. Rott had previously served as vice president of the society, program director for their annual meeting and as a member of the executive committee.

The Georgia Society of Rheumatology, founded in 1967, is comprised of rheumatologists and other health care professionals involved in caring for patients with arthritis, lupus and other rheumatologic conditions. The organization hosts an annual scientific meeting with invited nationally-recognized speakers to further the knowledge of its members and to allow for interaction of rheumatologists from all parts of the state.



Dr. Rott also serves as the chair of the 2011 Arthritis Walk Rome, which will be held at Ridge Ferry Park October 15. The funds raised from this event are used by the Arthritis Foundation to support arthritis research, arthritis exercise classes such as those at the Vitality Center, and programs to support patients and families impacted by arthritis.

Dr. Rott joined Harbin Clinic in September 2007 and practices at 1825 Martha Berry Blvd. in Rome. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the American College of Rheumatology, the Georgia Society of Rheumatology, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Rott earned his medical doctorate degree from Emory University School of Medicine.

Harbin Clinic is Georgia's largest multi-specialty physician group with more than 200 providers in 22 locations throughout North West Georgia.

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