



- *Professor, Department of Medicine*
- *Division of Rheumatology*
- *Co-Director, Post-Deployment Lung Health Center*
- *Autoimmune Lung Center*

#### Conditions Treated:

- *Post Deployment Lung Health - Autoimmune*
- *Joint Aspirations*
- *Ultrasound Guided Injections*

#### Research Areas:

- *Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)*
- *Autoimmune Lung Diseases*
- *Post Deployment Lung Health - Autoimmune*
- *Synovial Fluid Based Biomarker Discovery*

#### Programs & Services:

- *Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Program*
- *Division of Rheumatology*
- *Center of Excellence on Deployment-Related Lung Disease*
- *Department of Medicine*
- *Post-Deployment Lung Health*

Autoimmune Lung Disease and Post Deployment Lung Health

#### Board Certification

1983: Rheumatology  
1977: Internal Medicine

#### Education

1971 University of Texas (Austin, TX), BA with Honors  
1974 University of Texas Medical School (Houston, TX), MD

#### Residency

1971 University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (Iowa City, IA), Medicine Internship  
1974 University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (Iowa City, IA), Internal Medicine Residency

#### Fellowship

1983 American College of Physicians, University of Sussex UK, A Blaine Bower Traveling Scholar  
1984 American Association of Electrical Engineers, NASA Johnson Space Center (Houston, TX), Summer Faculty Fellowship  
1985 American Association of Electrical Engineers, NASA Johnson Space Center (Houston, TX), Summer Faculty Fellowship  
1980 - 1984 University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (Iowa City, IA), Rheumatology Fellowship

#### Teaching or Professional Positions

1998-Present: Faculty Internal Medicine/Rheumatology, National Jewish Health

2008: Battalion Surgeon Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 17, Al Anbar, Iraq  
1989-1995: Assistant/Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, University of Colorado Denver  
1991: ICU Physician Fleet Hosp 6 Persian Gulf War U S Navy Reserve  
1984-1989: Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rheumatology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston and Consultant Life Sciences Branch, NASA-Johnson Space Center Houston, Texas

#### **Affiliations with the University of Colorado Denver**

Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado Denver

#### **Professional Memberships**

1991-Present: Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S.  
1984-Present: American Association of Immunologist  
1982-Present: American College of Rheumatology  
1979-Present: American College of Physicians

#### **Awards & Recognition**

2014: Best Doctors in America, Best Doctors, Inc.  
2013: America's Top Doctors, Castle Connolly Medical, Ltd.  
Abraham Kauvar Presidential Award, National Jewish Health  
Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star – Department of Defense

#### **Publications**

Swigris JJ; Olson AL; Fischer A; Lynch DA; Cosgrove GP; Frankel SK; Meehan RT; Robinson C; Smith ML; Mabry TR; Mycophenolate mofetil is safe, well tolerated, and preserves lung function in patients with connective tissue disease-related interstitial lung disease: Chest 2006;130(1):30-6.

Wasfi Y, Meehan RT, Newman LS. Chapter 105 Sarcoidosis. Harris et al: Kelly's Textbook of Rheumatology 7th edition. 2004. Elsevier Science Philadelphia, PA.

Meehan RT; Neale LS; Kraus ET; Stuart CA; Smith ML; Cintron NM; Sams CF; Alteration in human mononuclear leucocytes following space flight: Immunology; 1992;76(3188):491-7.

Meehan RT, Ashman RF. Early protein synthesis in activated human peripheral blood mono-nuclear cells. Molecular. Immunol. 22:893-898,1985.

Swigris JJ; Fischer A; Gillis J; Meehan RT; Brown KK; Pulmonary and thrombotic manifestations of systemic lupus erythematosus: Chest 2008;133(1):271-80.

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