



## Dr. Latisha Heinlen & Dr. Heidi Rogers

### BOARD-CERTIFIED RHEUMATOLOGISTS

**D**r. Latisha Heinlen founded the Rheumatology Associates of Oklahoma (RAO) in July 2017, after finishing her two-year fellowship training in rheumatology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Dr. Heinlen, Dr. Rogers and RAO specialists focus on treatment of rheumatic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and ankylosing spondylitis using an in-house laboratory, on-site x-ray services and an infusion center attached to the clinic for patient convenience.

Dr. Heinlen began her rheumatological practice with the intention of providing a unique service within the community, allowing better access to patients needing rheumatologic care. A central location and patient convenience were two of the driving factors for Dr. Heinlen and her newest physician partner, Dr. Heidi Rogers. RAO now has three offices in Oklahoma City, Edmond and south Oklahoma City.

Dr. Rogers, like Dr. Heinlen, is a board-certified rheumatologist. She attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, later doing her residency at Baylor Scott and White Medical Center, then fellowship at the University of Louisville and Kentucky.

"There's a huge need for rheumatologists in the Oklahoma City area" Dr. Heinlen says. "We know that early diagnosis and treatment of our diseases leads to better outcomes, so improving access to rheumatology provides better long-term treatment for patients. I started the practice because I've worked in other parts of healthcare and I wanted to have a place where any and all patient needs could be met."

Board certification is the standard for all physicians at RAO, as this national recognition of training means the physicians have completed appropriate training in rheumatology and passed the national exam to show their competency in the field. Dr. Heinlen says, "If you need to see a specialist, make sure they are an expert in the field with the proper training and certification. In the end, we want what's best for patients."



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